

*Third
Annual Report*



**The
Women's Society
of
Christian Service
and
Wesleyan Service Guild
including
Merger Meetings**

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE A
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1970-1971

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES 1972

January	Local Officers Assume Office
January	Call to Prayer and Self-Denial
February 24,25,26	Conference Women's Society Executive Committee Meeting
March	World Day of Prayer
April 2	Easter
April 16	General Conference, United Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia
June 9-12	Jurisdiction Guild Weekend Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas
June 12-16	West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas
July 18-21	Conference School of Christian Mission Centenary College, Shreveport
July 21-23	Guild Weekend, Centenary College, Shreveport
July 22-23	Cooperative Weekend of Christian Mission Centenary College, Shreveport
September	Election of Local Officers — Women's Society and Guild
September 20	Conference Women's Society Executive Committee Meeting First United Methodist Church, Monroe
September 21-22	Annual Meeting, Women's Society of Christian Service First United Methodist Church, Monroe
September 22-24	Annual Meeting, Wesleyan Service Guild First United Methodist Church, Monroe
October	District Annual Meetings, Women's Society

DATE	DISTRICT	CHURCH
October 12	Alexandria	Trinity, Alexandria
October 11	Baton Rouge	Jefferson, Baton Rouge
October 18	Hammond	Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial, Bogalusa
October 10	Lafayette	
October 10	Lake Charles	
October 11	Monroe	First Church, West Monroe
October 4	Natchitoches	First Church, Winnfield
.....	New Orleans	
October 4	Ruston	First Church, Minden
October 6	Shreveport	North Highland, Shreveport

Immediately After Election —District Officers Assume Office

November	World Community Day Ramada Inn, Alexandria
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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE A
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ANNUAL MEETING
held at
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
September 23, 1971

including
Merger Meeting
September 24, 1971

Edited by: **MRS. L. C. AYCOCK, Chairman**
MRS. C. B. McGOWAN
MRS. W. B. GARDNER
MISS MILDRED EVANS
MISS ELIZABETH LANGFORD



Dedication



MRS. CHARLES B. McGOWAN

During five and one-half years, marked by events of major historical significance in the life of the United Methodist Church, Elizabeth McGowan gave distinguished leadership as the Conference President of the Woman's (Women's) Society of Christian Service. She was a wise and efficient administrator, whose qualities of leadership were matched by a gracious and thoughtful friendliness, respect for the opinions of others, devotion to the Church and its Mission, and an abiding Christian faith. Because she studies "to present (herself) to God as one approved, a workman who has no need to be ashamed—", she brought to every task a knowledge of issues and maturity of judgment that won the respect and admiration of all with whom she worked. To a keen sense of responsibility to duty, she added the joy of service and the challenge of excellence which inspired others to reach out to nobler endeavors.

To Mrs. Charles B. McGowan — gracious lady, distinguished woman of Louisiana Methodism, and devoted Christian — this Third Annual Report is dedicated as an expression of our love and high esteem.

COVER OF THIS REPORT

The Emblem

The new official emblem for The United Methodist Church combines the cross and a flame symbolizing the Holy Spirit. The new emblem for Women's Societies and Wesleyan Service Guilds likewise includes the cross and flame.

The cross and flame are ancient symbols of the church dating back to the days of Christ and Pentecost. Each evokes images of sacrifice, witness and service. They remind us of both the opportunities and obligations of discipleship. Paul's ancient words to Timothy have fresh and contemporary meaning: "...I now remind you to stir into flame the gift of God which is within you". (II Timothy 1:6a-NEB)

As part of the emblem for the Women's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild these symbols remind us of our PURPOSE, that of helping women to grow in their understanding of and willingness to participate in the mission of the church. These also remind us of our heritage, of women who pioneered in the service for the church at home and abroad and in organizing women for mission service and support in many areas of need.

The shape of the emblem is likewise symbolic. It is fluid and free-flowing, suggesting change and mobility. As organized groups of women, this has been our heritage. Often at the forefront of movements for change, at times supporting the projects initiated by others, but always aware of the times and striving to move with them rather than be overwhelmed by them.

The cross, the flame, and the individual with her abilities and opportunities — all elements of a 20th century movement for United Methodist Women.

The colors are flame and gold.

PURPOSE

of the

**WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE
AND WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Toward the realization of this purpose, the Women's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild shall provide opportunities and resources to meet the needs and interests of women; to increase their knowledge of the concerns and responsibilities of the church in the world; and to share in Christian witness, service, and missionary outreach.

The Women's Society and Guild shall enlist workers and secure funds for the fulfillment of their responsibility in the mission of the church at home and overseas.

OUR POLICY

It is against the policy of the Women's Division to release lists of officers to any organization or commercial firm. These lists are published for use of the district and conference officers of the Louisiana Conference A Women's Society of Christian Service and are to be used only for the promotion of the work of the Women's Society.

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Alexandria Rev. C. S. Clark, 1818 Texas, Alexandria 71301
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HISTORICAL FACTS

Membership and Financial History

Year	Membership	Membership	Giving
	WSCS	WSG	
1968-1969	11872	1751	\$168,683.38
1969	11678	1613	\$177,420.29
1970	10891	1824	\$166,340.59

Annual Meeting

- 1969 — First United Methodist Church, Alexandria, March 12-14
 1970 — First United Methodist Church, New Orleans, March 18-19
 1971 — First United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, September 23

Merger Meeting

- 1971 — First United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, September 24

Projects and Directors in our Conference

Dulac Community Center.....	P. O. Box 1150, Dulac 70353
Mr. Jim Bopp, Director	
MacDonell Methodist Center	1210 E. Main, Houma 70360
Mr. G. Jerry Bridges, Director	
Peoples' Methodist Community Center	2019 Simon Bolivar Ave., New Orleans
Rev. W. S. P. Norris, Superintendent	
Sager-Brown School	Box 197, Baldwin 70514
Mrs. Chaney B. Morse, Superintendent	
St. Mark's Community Center	1130 N. Rampart St., New Orleans 70116
Miss Louise Sharp, Executive Director	
The Inn	814 Cotton St., Shreveport 71101
Rev. Les Thompson, Director	

DELEGATES TO SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION WOMEN'S SOCIETY/GUILD

Mrs. Thomas E. Kirkpatrick
 Mrs. Louis Bennett
 Mrs. Gilbert Bandel

Mrs. Ardessie C. Prophet
 Mrs. George M. Chastain, Jr.
 Mrs. James T. Spencer

Alternates

Mrs. Albert Pulley

Mrs. Albert E. Stevenson

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 Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, 710 N. Vienna, Ruston 71270
 Mrs. G. W. Dameron, 112 Redd Drive, Pineville 71360
 Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, 2081 Ferndale Avenue, Baton Rouge 70808

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Conference Officers

President	Mrs. Thomas E. Kirkpatrick, 127 Swedes Ave., Shreveport 71105
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Secretary	Mrs. Albert Pulley, 4108 Magnolia St., New Orleans 70115
Treasurer	Mrs. James T. Spencer, Box 577, Farmerville 71241
Chairmen of Program Areas:	
Christian Social Relations.....	Mrs. Albert E. Stevenson, 2405 St. Benard Ave., New Orleans 70116
Missionary Education	Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, 660 Castlewood Dr., Baton Rouge 70815
Spiritual Growth ...	Mrs. George M. Chastain, Jr., 813 Henrietta Lane, Lake Charles 70601
Secretary of Program Materials.....	Mrs. Martin Wagnon, 514 Fifth Street, Jennings 70546
Chairman, Committee on Nominations	Mrs. W. F. Manning, Jr., 1305 N. Trenton St., Ruston 71270
Chairman, Wesleyan Service Guild.....	Mrs. Louis Bennett, 311 Hudson Lane, Monroe 71201

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

Alexandria.....	Mrs. Luther Rone, 2004 Andrews, Alexandria 71301
Baton Rouge	Mrs. Walter H. Brock, 3744 Ridgetop Dr., Baton Rouge 70809
Hammond	Mrs. Bascom D. Talley, Jr., Pinehurst, Bogalusa 70427
Lafayette.....	Mrs. Louie P. Chrisman, 402 Live Oak Drive, Lafayette 70501
Lake Charles.....	Mrs. Leo Hoffpauir, Rt. 3, Box 256, Lake Charles 70601
Monroe.....	Mrs. Lucille Goodwin, 1506 Emerson, Monroe 71201
Natchitoches	Mrs. W. H. Bengston, 860 North Hill St., Many 71449
New Orleans.....	Mrs. Truman Ward, 500 Walker St., New Orleans 70124
Ruston	
Shreveport.....	Mrs. Jack E. Carlisle, 358 Albany, Shreveport 71105

Bishop of the Area

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton.....	1715 American National Bank Bldg., 200 Carondelet St., New Orleans 70112
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Retiring presidents of former conferences

Miss Ethel Alston	2835 Paris Ave., New Orleans 70119
Mrs. Charles B. McGowan.....	2081 Ferndale Ave., Baton Rouge 70808

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Historian	Mrs. W. F. Manning, Jr., 1305 North Trenton St., Ruston 71270
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Chairman, 1972 Annual Meeting Program	Mrs. Robert Compton, Rt. 1, Box 608, Elton 70532

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Mrs. Ardessie C. Prophet
Mrs. Albert L. Pulley
Mrs. James T. Spencer
Mrs. Gilbert Bandel

Program

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Mrs. Albert L. Pulley
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Mrs. Gilbert Bandel
Mrs. George Chastain, Jr.
Mrs. Martin Wagnon
Mrs. Louis Bennett

Annual Meeting Program 1972

Mrs. Robert Compton, Chairman
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Mrs. J. J. Joyce
All members of Committee on Program above

Finance

Mrs. James T. Spencer, Chairman
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Treasurers of the ten Districts

Nominations

Mrs. W. F. Manning, Jr., Chairman
Mrs. Edgar E. Cayard (1 year)
Mrs. Fletcher Dixon (1 year)
Mrs. M. L. Hewitt (2 years)
Mrs. W. F. Manning, Jr. (2 years)
Mrs. Jessie R. Porter (2 years)
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Mrs. W. B. Gardner (3 years)
Mrs. J. E. McCampbell (3 years)

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Mrs. L. C. Aycock

Place of Meeting

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Mrs. Truman Ward

TASK GROUPS ASSIGNED

Guidelines for Expenses of Conference

Executive Committee Meetings

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(00) indicates number of members

1972

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St. Stephens (24)	Mrs. D. E. Opperman, 212 Walnut Ln., Bossier City 71010
Gilliam (16)	Miss Margaret Byers, Box 296, Gilliam 71029
Greenwood (30)	Mrs. S. O. Lawton, Rt. 2, Windborn Dr., Shreveport 71109
Hosston (17).....	Mrs. Sallie McFarlane, Hosston 71043
Keithville (14)	Mrs. A. B. Clingman, Jr., Rt. 2, Box 202, Keithville 71047
Love Chapel (12)	Mrs. E. E. Keeton, 118 Taylor's Bend, Haughton 71037
Mooringsport (17)	Mrs. Jean Turpin, Mooringsport 71060
New Light (12)	Mrs. Rose B. Kennedy, Rt. 2, Box 182, Benton 71006
Pilgrim Rest (17).....	Mrs. Jacie Lee Scott, Rt. 3, Box 181, Minden 71055
Plain Dealing (28)	Mrs. Leon Sanders, Box 278, Plain Dealing 71064
Rodessa (7).....	Mrs. M. D. Dodd, Box 282, Rodessa 71069
Shreveport —	
Broadmoor (295).....	Mrs. J. W. Waits, 360 Albany, Shreveport 71105
Caddo Heights (50)	Mrs. Dallas A. Alam, 1512 Natalie, Shreveport 71108
Cedar Grove (20)	Mrs. Thomas Scott, 943 Mitchell Ln., Shreveport 71106
Christ (60).....	Mrs. J. B. Lennard, 1045 Edgefield, Shreveport 71108
Fairfield (40).....	Mrs. Emma L. Austin, 6668 Linwood, Shreveport 71106
Fairview (9).....	Mrs. C. H. Anderson, 5813 Union, Shreveport 71108
First Church (420)	Mrs. R. C. Jackson, Jr., 605 Albemarle, Shreveport 71106
Jewella (23)	Mrs. Nancy Solone, 4861 Elliot, Shreveport 71109
Johnson Chapel (12)	Mrs. Herese Jackson, 1148 Pecan, Shreveport 71101
Lakeview (49).....	Mrs. H. A. Horne, 6329 Border Lane, Shreveport 71109
Mangum (150)	Mrs. L. W. Nash, 3633 College, Shreveport 71109
Morningside (28)	Mrs. Oliver Hughes, 2820 Randolph, Shreveport 71108
Mt. Zion (18).....	Mrs. Beatrice Johnson, 1939 Myrtle, Shreveport 71101
Noel (246)	Mrs. H. R. Schaffer, 803 Lincoln Dr., Shreveport 71107
North Highlands (73)	Mrs. Julian Garrett, 949 Wilton Pl., Shreveport 71107
Round Grove (12).....	Mrs. Inell Meyes, 2110 Miller, Shreveport 71107
St. Lukes (18)	Mrs. George Huffman, Box 5037, Shreveport 71105

St. James (58) Mrs. Leuretta C. Johnson, 1125 Portland, Shreveport 71103
 St. Paul's (50) Mrs. Irma Green Jackson, 1401 Andrew Ave., Shreveport 71103
 Summer Grove (47) Mrs. R. C. Scurlock, 3225 Green Terrace, Shreveport 71108
 Trinity (9) Mrs. W. M. Volentine, 5850 Yarbrough Rd., Shreveport 71109
 Wesley (21) Mrs. Gene McNaughton, 9513 Wesso Circle, Shreveport 71108
 Wynn (52) Mrs. J. W. Cureton, 3457 DeSoto, Shreveport 71109
 Vivian (46) Mrs. E. J. Spiva, Box 269, Vivian 71082

**MINUTES, ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE A
WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE**

The Administrative Committee of Louisiana Conference A Women's Society of Christian Service was polled July 21, 1970 and voted that Louisiana Conference A be represented at the Board of Missions and Women's Division Meetings to be held in Los Angeles, California, in October, 1970.

Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Secretary
Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, President

Approved November 4, 1970 by the Executive Committee

**MINUTES, CALLED MEETING
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, LOUISIANA CONFERENCE A
WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE, July 21, 1970**

The Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference A Women's Society of Christian Service met Tuesday evening, July 21, 1970 at 8:45 p.m. in the television room in James Dormitory on Centenary College Campus, during the School of Christian Mission.

The president, Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, presided and opened the meeting with prayer.

Those present were: Mesdames Charles B. McGowan, Carl Gallaheer, W. B. Gardner, L. C. Aycock, R. E. Carter, Gilbert Bandel, George M. Chastain, Jr., Robert Compton, T. C. Young, S. B. Evans, Jr., Harris Copenhaver, Jr., Robert H. Brupbacher, Jr., Sam Clay, L. L. Freeman, Jesse R. Porter, Lucille Goodwin, Edgar E. Cayard, I. W. Rowland, F. E. Kennon, George Thomas, T. E. Kirkpatrick, and Miss Mildred Evans.

Mrs. McGowan listed the following items on the agenda for consideration:

1. Date of 1971 Annual Meeting.
2. Date of local election of officers.
3. Date of District Officer Training.
4. Meeting of the Board of Missions and Women's Division.
5. Offering from the School of Christian Mission.
6. Telegram from Miss Peggy Billings.

Mrs. Bandel, Chairman of the Committee on Annual Meeting Place stated the 1971 meeting would be held at First United Methodist Church, in Baton Rouge. The Rally Day would be observed in early September and the LSU-Texas A&M football game would be played in Baton Rouge September 18, 1971. The church calendar is free the other two Fridays and Saturdays in September.

Mrs. Copenhaver moved that the Annual Meeting be on an available weekend in September, 1971. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Bandel. Motion carried.

Mrs. McGowan quoted a portion of a communique from the Women's Division, "In response to a volume of requests and noting the General Conference action, the Women's Division has voted that the local officer, fiscal and program years all be January 1 - December 31, beginning January, 1971 or as soon thereafter as possible.

"The Division also voted that there be latitude regarding specific timing of local elections and officer training . . ."

Mrs. Kirkpatrick moved that local societies be instructed to elect officers at their first meeting in September and that the secretary be instructed to mail a copy of said officers to

the district secretary the next day with a copy to the district president and that the district secretary send the list of local presidents to the conference secretary by September 30 with a copy to the conference president. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Porter. Motion carried by a vote of eight (8) for, seven (7) against.

Mrs. Gallaher, Chairman of Committee on District Officer Training, recommended that the training day be Wednesday, April 21, 1971 and that Horseshoe United Methodist Church in Alexandria be the place. By common consent this plan was accepted.

Mrs. McGowan reported having received an invitation to attend the meetings of the Board of Missions and the Women's Division to be held in Los Angeles, California in October, 1970. She stated the first fifty persons accepting the invitation would be accepted. The invitation indicated it was not necessary to send the conference president, but that another conference officer could attend. However, Louisiana Conference A rules provide only the conference president is eligible to go.

The Administrative Committee voted that the Conference be represented at the meetings.

Mrs. Compton moved that the president attend the meeting. Motion seconded by Mrs. Aycock. Motion carried.

Mrs. McGowan asked for suggestions as to the disposition of the Love Offering to be taken at the Wednesday night session. Mrs. Copenhaver moved that it be sent as a gift to missions honoring the faculty of our 1970 School and include Mrs. G. W. Dameron. Motion seconded by Mrs. Gallaher. Motion carried. (Mrs. Dameron was to have taught in our school, but due to the death of Dr. Dameron in May she was unable to participate.)

Mrs. Carter, Chairman of the Program Area of Christian Social Relations, read the following telegram from Miss Peggy Billings: "The National Welfare Rights Organization Southern Caravan on a smaller scale about 17 people will come in August to work in Louisiana and Arkansas, possibly Mississippi. Rhoda Linton, former short term missionary in Malaysia for our Board, now on National Welfare Rights Organization staff will come to Louisiana the end of next week. She will contact you. Headquarters for Louisiana may be Baton Rouge. Some work in New Orleans. Presbyterians have furnished office space. Catholics have promised living space. They will still need help with food and other things. Please assist Rhoda as you can see she is a fine person and it is worthwhile work. Please call me collect area code 212-749-0700, Ext. 354 if you need information." "Signed Peggy Billings, Assistant General Secretary, Section of Christian Social Relations."

After consideration of the above request the committee members felt the message did not furnish sufficient information as to the purpose, goals, needs, etc., of the caravan to make a decision.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick moved that the Christian Social Relations Chairman (or others acting for her) secure additional information with regard to the National Welfare Rights Workers' Caravan which is to be in Louisiana and telegram received from Miss Billings and that the Executive Committee be called into special session prior to the meeting of Annual Program Committee on Wednesday night. Accepted amended that discussion be limited to fifteen minutes. Motion seconded by Mrs. Cayard. Motion carried.

Mrs. McGowan appointed members of the Administrative Committee and Mrs. Carter to comprise the Committee on Merger.

The Committee adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Secretary
Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, President

Approved November 4, 1970 by the Executive Committee.

**MINUTES, SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE A, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE**

The Executive Committee of Louisiana Conference A Women's Society of Christian Service met in a Special Called Meeting, July 22, 1970 in the television room of James Dormitory on Centenary College Campus at 9:30 p.m.

Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, president, presided.

Those present were: Mesdames Charles B. McGowan, Carl Gallaher, L. C. Aycock, W. B. Gardner, R. E. Carter, Gilbert Bandel, George M. Chastain, Jr., Robert Compton, T. C. Young, S. B. Evans, Jr., Harris D. Copenhaver, Jr., Robert Brupbacher, Jr., Sam Clay, Jr., L. L. Freeman, Jesse Porter, Edgar E. Cayard, J. D. Hansard, Jr., I. W. Rowland, George Thomas, T. E. Kirkpatrick, and Miss Mildred Evans.

The item on agenda was to receive a report by Mrs. Carter from Miss Peggy Billings with regard to the National Welfare Rights Organization Caravan.

Mrs. Carter gathered the following information from Miss Billings' telephone conversation, in addition to the telegram. The Welfare Caravan headquarters would be located in Baton Rouge. There would be 30 persons participating. Of this number Miss Rhoda Linton is the only Caravaner on salary. The others are welfare recipients. They will be in Louisiana three weeks during August and will need food and other things during their stay. They are not professional workers. Their mission to Louisiana is to check welfare clients to see that their rights are not being abused.

Miss Evans moved that, as a Conference, we do not sponsor aid for the National Welfare Rights Organization Caravan. Motion carried.

Mrs. Bandel moved that the program area of Christian Social Relations be responsible for investigating the welfare needs in Louisiana and prepare a report by the Mid-Year Committee meeting. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Secretary
Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, President

Approved November 4, 1970 by the Executive Committee

**MINUTES of the ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
of the LOUISIANA CONFERENCE A
WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE, August 20, 1970**

The Administrative Committee of the Louisiana Conference A Women's Society of Christian Service was polled August 20, 1970, and voted to change the date of the Mid-Year Meeting from October 14-15, 1970, to November 4-5, 1970. In view of the fact that the

president will attend the meetings of the Women's Division and the Board of Missions, October 21-30, 1970, in Los Angeles, this change would make it possible for the committee to receive new information.

Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Secretary
Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, President

Approved by the Executive Committee November 4, 1970

**MID-YEAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE
Alexandria, Louisiana, November 4-5, 1970**

The Mid-Year Executive Committee meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Louisiana Conference A was convened at 1:45 p.m., Wednesday, November 4, 1970 in the Azalea Room of the Ramada Inn in Alexandria, with the president, Mrs. Charles B. McGowan presiding. The opening session was preceded by meetings of various committees on Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning.

The president introduced Dr. Bentley Sloane, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, Alexandria, who brought the opening meditation. Dr. Sloane's discussion on "Reconciliation" centered on the scripture from II Corinthians 5.

Mrs. McGowan expressed appreciation for the fine attendance and introduced the new members: Mrs. T. L. James, Mrs. Louie Chrisman, Mrs. John Willis, Mrs. I. W. Rowland and a guest, Miss Ethel Alston, president of Conference B Women's Society.

Committees were appointed by the president as follows: Journal, Mrs. W. B. Gardner and Mrs. Jesse Porter; Evaluation of the Meeting, Mrs. T. D. Wallace and Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick.

The roll call by the secretary indicated the following were present: Mesdames Charles B. McGowan, Carl Gallaher, L. C. Aycock, W. B. Gardner, R. E. Carter, Gilbert Bandel, George M. Chastain, Jr., Robert Compton, T. L. James, T. C. Young, S. B. Evans, Jr., Robert H. Brupbacher, Jr., Sam Clay, Jr., L. L. Freeman, Jr., Louie Chrisman, John Willis, Jesse R. Porter, Leo Hoffpauir, Lucille Goodwin, J. Herbert Walker, Edgar E. Cayard, J. D. Hansard, Jr., I. W. Rowland, F. E. Kennon, T. D. Wallace, Jack Bussie, George Thomas, and T. E. Kirkpatrick. By common consent the secretary was instructed to send cards to the absent members.

Communications were read by the secretary from Mesdames G. W. Dameron, L. B. Kilpatrick and Harris Copenhaver, Jr.; Bishop Aubrey G. Walton; Reverends Warren Blakeman and Garland C. Dean, Jr.; Misses Dorothy Dunbar and Lois C. Miller and the congratulatory message sent to Dr. John Allen, President, Centenary College, Shreveport.

The minutes of the following meetings were approved as had been previously edited and mailed to each member of the committee: Spring Executive Committee Meeting, March 17; Post Executive Committee Meeting, March 19; Administrative, July 21; Called Executive Committee Meeting, July 21; Special Called Executive Committee Meeting, July 22 and the Administrative, August 20, 1970.

Annual Report, Mrs. Aycock, Chairman, reported at the Spring Executive Committee Meeting the Annual Report Committee recommended that the Bylaws, Constitution and Standing Rules be included in the printing of the Second Annual Report. It was called to the attention of the committee that no part of the Bylaws could be reprinted. The recommendation was referred back to the committee for reconsideration. The decision of the committee was not to include the Bylaws, Constitution and Standing Rules in the

Report, but to continue to use the booklet prepared that contained this phase of our work.

The Second Annual Report was mailed in September. There are extra Reports available from the Conference Secretary.

Eight hundred Reports were printed at a cost of \$1,304.70. The postage, envelopes and other expenses amounted to \$85.90, a total cost of \$1,390.60.

The committee expresses its thanks to everyone who made any contribution to the Report. Without the capable, professional assistance of Miss Elizabeth Langford, the results of the Report would not have been nearly so complete. The arrangement of the contents, the help with proof-reading and the contacts with the printer have been invaluable. For all she has done we are most grateful.

The committee recommended that the next Annual Report be published after the 1971 Annual Meeting in September.

Changes and additions to the Second Annual Report were distributed.

REPORTS OF DISTRICTS

ALEXANDRIA

Mrs. T. C. Young reported: We have enjoyed sharing with many societies our experience at the Assembly in Houston. I was disappointed that the Assembly filmstrip was late in coming. Our local society banner was pictured on one of the slides. Those of us from Alexandria District that attended the School of Christian Mission thought that it was the greatest. Local officer training day was held in September, along with this, we gave opportunities for different ones to tell what it had meant to them. One lady attended her first School of Christian Mission, one missed her first School in several years, and others. Mrs. Tubb, District Chairman of Missionary Education, told of her trip to Mt. Sequoyah to the Jurisdictional Missionary Conference. She drove a group of the youth one night to a downtown church and shared with us some of their activities. We had very poor attendance at the week-end School, perhaps because the Conference lay retreat was the following week-end. Our pledge money is coming in too slowly. All of the District officers have been urged to learn all the facts about where the money goes, etc., so that they may give answers to local people. Many are disturbed by what they read in the newspaper and hear. One \$500 membership was given and will boost the Mission money. Our societies seem to have an increasing interest in Christian Social Relation work, particularly in community action projects, working with mental patients, hospitals, day care centers, nursing homes, etc. Some are holding bazaars to help Louisiana Mission Projects. Our District Mission Workshop was held in September at Trinity in Alexandria. There was a good attendance and extra good teachers. I felt that more Women's Society members needed to have been involved. Mrs. Sam Wells, our District Secretary of Program Material, sold study books, reading, and other program materials. Women of the Alexandria District are a praying group. Many have very active prayer groups and I feel the Lord will lead us.

BATON ROUGE

Mrs. Harris Copenhaver, Jr. reported: A very enlightening story of dedication to the Church by a former missionary to Uruguay, Rev. Lawson Lee, and a very inspiring and challenging installation of District Officers by Mrs. Gilbert Bandel were the highlights of the annual meeting held at University United Methodist Church on April 15, 1970. There was a procession of colorful banners centering around the theme "Choose Life" which had been made by various societies in our district. On April 22 the Baton Rouge District had a Day Apart for all the societies at Camp Istrouma. Baton Rouge District had 100 percent attendance of its District and Conference Officers at the District Officers' Training Day on April 29, 1970 in Alexandria. Five District Officers and two Conference Officers from

Baton Rouge attended The Assembly in Houston, Texas, May 7-10. There were several representatives from local societies also in attendance. There were 22 representatives of Baton Rouge societies at School of Christian Mission July 21-24. All but one District Officer and three of the four Sub-District Chairmen attended the School. Thursday evening the representatives from Conference A invited the representatives from Conference B from the Baton Rouge District to have dinner together in the Centenary Cafeteria. Mrs. Chester Harris, District Chairman of Spiritual Growth, represented our district at the Jurisdictional Mission Conference at Mt. Sequoyah in July. Our District Youth Representative was Robert Cobb from Blackwater Church. A very detailed newsletter with comments from every District Officer was mailed to every society for the corresponding local officers. The Fall District Mission Study Conference, chaired by our District Chairman of Missionary Education, Mrs. Julian Darden, had 191 adults and young people in attendance. The leaders of the three Mission Study Themes were Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Conference President of the Women's Society of Christian Service, Miss Lillian Kennedy, District Chairman of the Wesleyan Service Guild, and Dr. Webb Pomeroy, head of the Department of Religion at Centenary. In addition, Robert Cobb spoke to the young people on his experiences at Mt. Sequoyah; Mrs. Walter McLean and Mrs. Charles Humphreys met with a group of teachers of young children; and the film "In Spite of Walls" was shown. District and Conference Officers actively participated in organizing a new Wesleyan Service Guild in Baker and reactivating a Women's Society at St. Luke's in Baton Rouge during the month of September. Our Officers' Training Day was held at Istrouma United Methodist Church on September 30. The keynote address "The Changing Role of Missions in the United Methodist Church" was given by Mrs. Gilbert Bandel. Mrs. J. A. McCarstle, District Chairman of Program Materials presented "Program Resources". Mrs. Chester Harris had a new form of worship in presenting some of the Psalms. Three of our four Sub-Districts have had Fall Sub-District Meetings. Requests for more information on Projects of the Board of Missions located in Louisiana so two of the Sub-Districts heard Mr. G. J. Bridges of MacDonell Methodist Center and the other Sub-District heard Miss Louise Sharp of St. Mark's Community Center. Our District Executive Committee of Conference A is participating with the District Executive Committee of Conference B in a Day Apart at Camp Istrouma on Saturday, November 7. Having given my report mentioning just a few of the District Officers and Conference Officers by name, I would certainly be remiss in failing to mention the names of three of our most important and dedicated officers who have given equally as much time as those already mentioned. These are Mrs. James B. Alexander, District Secretary; Mrs. Robert Brupbacher, District Treasurer; and Mrs. Ed Seale, District Chairman of Christian Social Relations. Each has done her job efficiently and without the support and enthusiasm of all the Local, District, and Conference Officers our District would not have come as far as it has today. With God's continued guidance and help, we shall move forward towards fulfilling our wonderful Purpose.

HAMMOND

Mrs. Sam Clay, Jr. reported: The Hammond District has held two sub-district meetings this fall. Approximately 120 members representing a little over half of the societies in the district attended. At these meetings a report was given regarding the Assembly and local officer training was held. In addition, packets on officer training were distributed to all societies present. Those not represented were mailed this information. Evaluation reports were very slow coming in and only nine from our thirty societies responded after being reminded twice by mail. There seems to be little interest in these. We lost one society, however, two new guilds have been organized. We continue to work in cooperation with our Guild District Officers and try to attend each others' meetings. We have had no contact with the women of Conference B, but we have plans to invite representatives to our District Meeting in Covington in March 1971.

LAFAYETTE

Mrs. Louie Chrisman reported: The Lafayette District held two District Mission Workshops. One at Asbury in Lafayette and one at Mathews near Houma. Attendance was good. Two of the four sub-districts have had their fall meetings. The Rev. Merlin Merrill,

District Superintendent, spoke at one and Mr. Jim Bogg, Acting Director, from Dulac Community Center spoke at the other. Attendance was good. I spoke at the October General Women's Society Meeting of the First Methodist Church in Lafayette. Also attended the District Guild Meeting in Crowley, October 25th. All societies seem to be very busy, having the mission studies and busy with projects. The third quarter treasurer's report, reported that we were down, but we have faith that we will meet our pledge for the year. At least 31 membership pins have been given so far this year. The membership has grown even though five societies have gone inactive.

LAKE CHARLES

Mrs. Jesse Porter reported: One Women's Society recently held a rummage sale and raised \$1,000. This sale was Missionary outreach resulting from a Mission Tour. The money was sent to Dulac. One of our ladies served on a panel in a Catholic school religion class. This class is studying social issues. The topic was race relations. To our retiring district officers, two were given Honorary Memberships, four were given Special Memberships and to three, gifts to missions were sent.

MONROE

Mrs. Lucille Goodwin reported: There are 41 societies in the Monroe District, membership, 1,337. There are five sub-districts, well-organized, with fine leadership through their chairman. The spring annual meeting was held at McGuire United Methodist Church, West Monroe, April 9th. New officers were installed and outgoing officers were recognized and tribute given to their leadership. Each retiring officer was given a special membership and a gift to missions was also made in honor of the retiring chairmen of the sub-districts. Dr. Lawson Lee, a former missionary to Uruguay was the speaker. Invited guests were presidents and wives of pastors of Conference B, within the bounds of the district. Seven were present. A meeting for sub-district chairmen on June 8th was for training and planning for fall sub-district meetings. Eight District Officers attended officer training in Alexandria, and, in turn, trained local officers at the sub-district meetings. The studies were also presented at this time. A Spiritual Growth retreat was held April 23rd. Plans are being made for another retreat in the Spring of '72. Ten members of Women's Society and one Guild member attended the Assembly in Houston in May. Attendance at School of Missions was poor, but excellent for the Cooperative Week-end. The President and Chairman of Missionary Education cooperated with the District Committee in planning and presenting the fall Mission Conference. These studies were well presented, study books sold and attendance good. Societies over the district continue to serve the Tuesday lunches at Northeast University Wesley Foundation. The President and Treasurer have set up dates with each local society in the district for a visit during the year.

NEW ORLEANS

Mrs. Edgar E. Cayard reported: All meetings held by the Conference, District, Church, Project Boards, Schools of Christian Mission, District Workshop, Executive Committee and Assembly were well attended by Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild. Local Society reports indicate a wide range of activities including community projects, special studies, a concern for politics and government, and current national problems. Specific goals and evaluations were made by several groups. Problem areas are in membership and finance. The sub-district will host coffees for local presidents in their area during the holiday season. The district mission conference planned by the district mission study committees of Conference A and B held at Mount Zion United Methodist Church (Conference B) was well attended, a very successful joint effort. Local officer training was given in September. District officers have met with many groups attempting to explain and answer questions where possible, relating to merger. This included a panel of four at the District Guild meeting. It is evident that the general restlessness in our nation today is reflected in the actions of our local women. Two smaller societies have disbanded. Plans are in the making for a Spring Retreat.

RUSTON

Mrs. I. W. Rowland reported: Ruston District's Annual Spring meeting was held in Ruston Trinity church on April 8, 1970 at which time officers were installed. Six women attended Officers' Training in Alexandria. Five Women's Society members and two Guilders went to Houston Assembly in May. The District President was one of a group asked to send in Expectations, Goals, etc., and also was asked to send in an Evaluation report. Four Sub-district meetings were held in May with a total attendance of 121 persons. Pictures of all Chairmen were sent to Louisiana Methodist. Panel discussions, by attending officers, on the entire Houston Assembly, were conducted, and an adaption of the Agape Feast which closed the Houston meeting was observed in each Sub-District. Copies of this adaptation have been shared by request with seven other Districts, Conference A, three Districts; Conference B, Northwest Texas Conference, and Ruston District Wesleyan Service Guild. I attended the Training and Planning Workshop for District Councils, June 19, in Monroe. We had 19 to attend the School of Christian Mission, and four the week-end Missions. In the first six-month period, I received 140 pieces of mail concerning the work; I sent out 256 handwritten letters and notes, 62 typed letters, made 22 telephone calls, and personally drove over 2200 miles. Only 13 Evaluation reports were sent in. We visited 34 Societies and churches this past summer, accompanied by a Sub-District Chairman or officer. Three hundred persons in our District signed my Prayer Calendar to join the personal Goals of: Daily meditation, a personal Prayer calendar, and a Bible-Book-of-the-Club. Pictures of every Society were sent to Louisiana Methodist. A Directory of Local News Media, Papers and Radio Stations, was compiled for publicity. Our Fall Mission Study Conference was held in Arcadia, September 9, in two sessions, with an attendance of 179. Enthusiasm was high, and two-thirds of the Publications were sold. Teachers were: Dr. Woodrow Hearn, Rev. George York, Mrs. I. W. Rowland, Rev. W. O. Lynch, and Mrs. Fred Barr. District Executive meetings have been held when needed, and Goals were set up. We have had one Society to close with the expectation of joining a larger, nearby group. We now have 32 Societies with a total of 1,309 members. My cup of joy is overflowing at the wonderful response of the women. God has graciously helped us accomplish these things, and my most earnest prayer is that He will lead and give us the strength to follow.

SHREVEPORT

Mrs. T. D. Wallace reported: At our Annual Meeting in the Spring we were very happy to be able to honor our out-going president, Florence Kirkpatrick, with an honorary membership and the other retiring officers with special memberships. It was largely the work of our treasurer in promoting this with the local societies. We had a very uplifting day of retreat at Camp Margaret in May. Each one attending was challenged to expand her horizons through music, poetry and art. Some of us who by no stretch of the imagination could be considered artists found ourselves bringing out the themes of selected Bible verses through beautiful posters. I am sorry to report a loss in membership from the last Annual Report. We have 37 societies with approximately 2,000 members. We have had Sub-District meetings in each of our Sub-Districts, with officer training by our district officers. It has been an enriching experience to visit local societies and participate in installing officers and pledge services. Along with others from the district, the president and Mrs. Kirkpatrick, attended the Assembly in Houston. The Program Book, "Risk and Reality" has been received exceptionally well.

Miss Ethel Alston expressed her appreciation for the opportunity of attending the Executive Committee meeting. It was her hope that the merger of the two Conferences would be in peace and harmony.

REPORTS OF CONFERENCE OFFICERS

VICE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Gallaher reported: During this period I have attended the Regional School of Christian Mission, District Officer Training Day in Pineville and the Louisiana Conference

School of Christian Mission. Resource materials have been suggested to help make the programs more meaningful and interesting for our general meetings and circle meetings. Slides and script to introduce our Program Book "Risk and Reality" has been used by three of our districts. An article will appear in the Louisiana Methodist reminding the Vice Presidents of the wonderful opportunity which they have to help spread the "good news" by being the Chairman of the Program Committee of the Women's Society.

TREASURER

Mrs. Gardner reported having participated on programs at several district meetings. She emphasized that all fund raising money be channelled through the local, district and conference treasurers. When money is earmarked for a specific project it will be returned from the Division to that project within 30 days.

SECRETARY

Mrs. Aycock reported: All the minutes have been written and circulated. The necessary correspondence has been taken care of. The lists of names and addresses of the Executive Committee were mailed to the proper persons. The Second Annual Report was compiled and mailed in September. Changes and additions to the Report have been prepared and made available. The Board Meeting at the Methodist Childrens' Home was attended. Officer training during the Responsibility Group Hour was conducted during the Conference School of Christian Mission. Envelopes and stationery have been printed and made available.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Mrs. Carter reported: Seems that the main emphasis in Christian Social Relations continues to be drug abuse, pollution and population explosion. A very present concern in our Louisiana Conferences now is the coming merger. Recently another concern was brought to our attention, so a task group has been formed of the program area chairmen to study Welfare in Louisiana.

Expense Account — 1970

Received (January 1970)	\$300.00
Disbursements:	
Stationery and Mailing Costs	\$28.95
Literature and Supplies	16.10
Public Affairs Research Council	30.00
Christian Social Concerns	
Briefing Conference	68.00
Subscription to "Engage" (2 yr.)	9.00
Subscription to "The Church Woman"	2.00
Total Disbursements	154.05
Balance	\$145.95

MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Mrs. Bandel reported: The Conference Society cooperated in the first week end School of Christian Mission in July, following the regular four-day school. The Conference Guild, Boards of Mission, Evangelism, Christian Social Concerns, Board of Education, and Laity all participated in the planning and financing. Two hundred people enrolled and agreed almost unanimously that this was a wonderful experience. Plans are underway for next year, again following the four-day school. We need to promote actively for those who cannot participate in the regular school. The attendance pattern for Jurisdictional Missionary Conference at Mt. Sequoyah is being changed, so we may not be asked to send representatives as in the past. Please encourage your local societies, that as they make plans for the holidays, that they remember our missionaries with cards, letters and expressions of loving concern. There are many ways of sharing Thanksgiving and Christmas with the Louisiana Mission Projects. Be sure that what you do meets with the approval of the policies of the directors — but don't miss the opportunity to bless and be blessed by these extensions of God's love in action.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Mrs. Chastain reported: This has been a year of conferences, committees, celebrations, and community. I had a chance to meet with all but two of the district chairmen at the Officer Training Day, and they were all an inspiration to work with. The training session for conference program area chairmen presented by the Women's Division in Cincinnati was an extraordinary opportunity for learning, for fellowship, and for renewal. Our Conference School of Christian Mission was another opportunity for seeing the Spirit at work in the activities of our conference. The morning meditations were well attended, due in great part to the loving cooperation of Mrs. Ardessie Prophet of Conference B, who led the singing. The next activity of this program area will be the Call To Prayer and Self Denial. Packets for this celebration will be sent to district chairmen as soon as they arrive from the Service Center. Local officers need to begin their plans for the January observance as soon as possible.

PROGRAM MATERIALS

Mrs. Compton reported: We have so many resources that relate to our Purpose and want to provide a well-balanced agenda so that the members can make choices suitable to their needs and interests. A Book Room was provided during our School of Christian Mission and sold \$931.95 of materials. The nine District Secretaries of Program Materials and I are trying to promote and interpret the resources and reading program to our members so that we may all "advance in wisdom and in favour with God and men".

HISTORIAN

Mrs. James reported she was in the process of compiling materials which include programs, pictures and data to bring the historical records up to date. Contributions of any special information were requested that would be pertinent.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

In the absence of Miss Mildred Evans, her report was read by the secretary: "In this report, for this time I am going to review briefly for you the meetings at which you were represented by your Conference Chairman, elected delegates and representatives. I am also going to give you a few statistics concerning our Conference Guild and try to challenge you to "Stir What You Have" for the present and the months ahead. From April 2-5, I was in Cincinnati attending the Officer Training Event for Conference Guild Chairmen and the Conference Program Area Chairmen of the Women's Society of Christian Service. May 7-10 found many from our Conference at the Assembly in Houston, Texas. On Saturday evening we were made aware, if we were not already aware, of the increasingly important roles women play in today's affairs. One of the young women on this panel, and who is now the Associate Minister at one of our churches in New Orleans, was Carol Cotton from Louisiana. Two of the high points of the Assembly for our Guilders were the Louisiana Banner made by Sara S. Fugler, President of the Greensburg Wesleyan Service Guild, prominently displayed during the Assembly and the reception honoring Lillian Johnson, Executive Secretary, Employed Women, on retirement, effective August 1st. The banner was also prominently displayed at the reception. June 15-19 found your chairman and two of your elected representatives, Mrs. Gloria Bennett and Mrs. Virginia Ward at the West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission at Mt. Sequoyah. In July several of us were at the Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission at Centenary College. As always, the teachers and the school was good. Due to an operation Arline Tyler was not able to serve in her capacity as Dean and Mrs. Carl Gailaher, Assistant Dean, acted. On the weekend of July 24-26, seventy-two Guilders experienced a new event in the shortened time for the Guild Weekend, followed by the Cooperative School of Mission. Many of those attending the Guild Weekend remained for the Cooperative School of Mission and had a most rewarding experience. During the hours the Guild was meeting, the members built collages and gathered by districts to study their collage and make plans that would be helpful in their own district work. The meeting was closed on Saturday with an impressive Agape Service led by Miss Nickels. Those remaining for the Cooperative School of Mission were given, in capsule form, the studies for this year and were entertained at a reception on Saturday

night. Now as to the present and future — many of you have been asking "What is happening to the Guild?" The answer to this question rests with you. As you work in your districts, accepting changes, new ideas and challenges and offering these to your members there will be response and growth. There are many areas of service in your church, your communities, your neighborhood and your state that you can work with through the formation of Task Groups. In Cincinnati one of the questions asked was, "Why do we not have only one organization?" Let me quote the answer to this question from a letter received after the meeting from Lillian Johnson: '... Mildred Boyd and Elizabeth Calhoun, both members of the Women's Division Guild Committee dealt with it to some extent. They told of the studies related to employed women that are being initiated in the Women's Division. The Women's Division Guild Committee, after serious consideration of the facts of increased employment of women as they seem to be affecting society and guild, recommended that the Women's Division study the implications in its long range planning. This was done in April, and just this past week, the Women's Division accepted this action at its executive committee meeting. In view of the rapidly changing life-style of women, including the trend toward more women in employment, a division consultation work group will be set up to explore and consider new opportunities, work-styles and organizational forms to meet the challenges of the situation. There will be adequate representation from both guild and society, as well as resource persons not involved in either group.' The other part of my answer would be, "The guild exists because thousands of guild members feel guild is important." However, as I say this, I am assuming something I cannot prove. Do these members really want to make the necessary effort needed for the guild to continue as the living, dynamic, relevant force it must be if its on-going life is warranted? The members will have to face this question themselves and we shall have to find ways to hear and evaluate the responses they make in fact as well as word. Our total pledge to missions for this year, given at our Annual Meeting in March is \$25,254. As of the third quarter report, September 1, payment toward this pledge, including honorariums and World Banks, was only \$10,306.91. We are short of the goal by \$14,947.09. Our membership and the number of units in our Conference has dropped since the last Annual Report and apparently continues to drop. During the year 1969-1970 we lost three units and 138 members. The Joint Committee on Membership in the local church offers a challenge for the society and guild to work together in this important area. I am confident that you will "Stir What You Have" and that we can count on you to meet these challenges.

Mrs. McGowan stated that merger of the two Conferences A and B will take place during the 1971 Conference Annual Meeting and the goal is set to have ten districts. The organization of the districts will be in June. It has been recommended that the elections of district officers be held after the reorganization of districts.

The meeting recessed at 6:00 p.m. for dinner.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

The committee reconvened at 7:30 p.m. following the evening meal in the Coffee Shop.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DISTRICT OFFICER TRAINING

Mrs. Gallaher, Chairman, reported that the District Officer Training Committee recommended that in view of the fact that officers presently serving attended the 1970 Officer Training Day that we do not have District Officer Training Day in April 1971.

FINANCE

Mrs. Gardner, Treasurer, reported: The Conference President, Chairman of Wesleyan Service and Treasurer investigated the reinvestment of the funds in the Rapides Building and

Loan Association. It was decided to invest the money in what is termed a "90-Day Notice" saving account. The money was invested in the new account July 6, 1970 and as of September 30, 1970 had drawn interest in the amount of \$39.63, making the total as of October 1, 1970 \$3,039.63. As Conference Treasurer, I was asked by the Women's Division to see if the Haynesville Women's Society and our Conference Society would be willing to release the CREDIT ON PLEDGE received from the interest of the Perpetual Membership. After consulting with the Conference President it was decided to contact the Haynesville Women's Society and ask to meet with them to ask their permission to release this credit. On October 26, 1970 I went to Haynesville and met with the Society. After explaining the situation to them and explained that the amount of money involved was \$4.50 and the reason for the request as given by Miss Berry, Women's Division, the Society voted to release the CREDIT ON PLEDGE from the Perpetual Membership. I now come before the Executive Committee to ask their permission to release the CREDIT ON PLEDGE from the Conference Society.

Mrs. Gardner read the following recommendation: that the money remaining in First Federal Savings and Loan Association be applied to credit on pledge from the conference during 1970. Mrs. Gardner moved the adoption. Seconded by Mrs. James. Carried.

Additional recommendations from the Committee on Finance: Mrs. Gardner read the following District pledges and Conference Budget 1971:

1. That the Pledge to Mission for 1971 be	\$147,894.00
That the Conference Budget for 1971 be	<u>13,650.00</u>
	\$161,544.00

That the District Pledges to Conference be as follows:

Alexandria.....	\$15,475.00
Baton Rouge	15,250.00
Hammond	6,500.00
Lafayette.....	13,146.00
Lake Charles.....	21,371.00
Monroe.....	20,613.00
New Orleans.....	24,000.00
Ruston	18,189.00
Shreveport.....	27,000.00

Mrs. Cayard moved the acceptance. Seconded by Mrs. Gallaher. Carried.

2. That the Conference Budget for 1971 be as follows:

Office Expense.....	\$ 1,400.00
Annual Meeting.....	1,700.00
Mid-Year Executive Meeting.....	1,000.00
Regional School of Christian Mission	800.00
Conference School of Christian Mission	1,700.00
Jurisdiction Cultivation.....	650.00
Jurisdiction Meetings.....	500.00
Annual Reports.....	1,500.00
Youth Work (Conference Program Council)	600.00
Cooperative Meetings	550.00
Church Women United.....	50.00
District Officers' Training.....	500.00
Miscellaneous	400.00
Wesleyan Service Guild.....	2,300.00

Mrs. Gardner moved the adoption of Conference Budget. Seconded by Mrs. Aycock. Carried.

3. That the Louisiana Conference A Women's Society of Christian Service be represented at the following meetings during 1971. That a designated amount up to the amount listed

for each meeting be allowed for expenses:

A. Action-Reflection Seminar	\$200.00
B. Church Women United Assembly	300.00
C. Co-operative Workshop (3 persons) (travel pool - Division)	600.00
D. World Federation of Methodist Women, Denver, Colo., August 1971	400.00

4. That \$25.00 each be allowed for up to four (4) student delegates who attend the 1971 Jurisdictional Youth Ministry Enterprise at Mt. Sequoyah.
5. That each district Society allow expense for the District Chairman of Christian Social Relations to attend the 1971 Briefing Conference of Christian Social Concerns at Mt. Sequoyah and that, if needed, each district's expenses be supplemented by the Conference Society in the amount of \$15.00.
6. That \$25.00 be given to the 1971 Cooperative Weekend School of Christian Mission.
7. That up to \$300.00 be allowed for a Conference Youth Work Camp to be used only on an emergency basis. This request is based on the provision that the Work Camp be financially self-supporting.

Mrs. Gardner moved the acceptance of the report of the Committee on Finance as a whole after corrections were made. Motion carried.

1970 SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

Mrs. Gallaher, Acting Dean, reported: The School of Christian Mission at Centenary College July 21-24, 1970 was attended by 215 persons of which 196 were full-time participants. The expense of the school was \$1,453.69 over that paid by the collections of fees. We had some constructive criticism, but one of the nicest things said, "This was by far the best School of Christian Mission that I have attended. The closing of Psalms Thursday was a very moving experience . . . I saw many barriers fall and we all seem to become 'one' . . . Christians serving God."

1971 SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

Mrs. Bandel, Dean, announced the courses and teachers for the July 20-23, 1971 School at Centenary College.

1. "New Machines and the New Humanity" -- Miss Barbara Campbell, Mrs. Hazel L. Dabney, and Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick.
2. "The New Generation in Africa" -- Mrs. Robert C. May, Mrs. C. K. Burns, and Mrs. Inez C. Christerly.
3. "The Gospel According to Matthew" -- The Reverend Robert Ed Taylor.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Chairman, read the following Standing Rules and Bylaws:
Conference Standing Rules:

- (New) Members of the Conference Executive Committee (including district treasurers) shall be entitled to reimbursement of expenses of attending meetings of the Conference Executive Committee and Conference Annual Meetings, according to guidelines determined by the Conference Executive Committee, but at no time shall payment be made in excess of actual expenses.
- (New) Standing Rules may be amended at any annual meeting of the Conference Society upon recommendation of the Conference Executive Committee.
- (Add) No. 2 (page 23 report)
Membership of each society will be determined according to the current Conference Annual Report, unless corrections are given to the Conference President sixty (60) days in advance of the annual meeting.

Local Bylaws:

Article V, Section 4 (change in dates)

Elections shall be held annually in **September**. Those elected shall assume their duties on **January 1**. No officer shall hold the same office for more than four (4) consecutive years.

Local Standing Rules:

No. 8 (rewording)

An amount not to exceed \$3,000.00 to be applied on the budget of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation, may be raised by local societies and guilds at the rate of twenty-five cents (25¢) per member.

(Add) No. 2, 10, 24 of the Conference Standing Rules to the Local Standing Rules.

(No. 2) Local societies shall be represented at the annual meeting of the conference society on the basis of the one delegate for each one hundred members or major fraction thereof, provided every society, regardless of size, shall be entitled to at least one delegate.

Membership of each society will be determined according to the current Conference Annual Report, unless corrections are given to the Conference President sixty (60) days in advance of the annual meeting.

(No. 10) The Conference Society shall seek to make clear the following financial relationships and policies: (a) That, since conference, district, and local societies and guilds are the only source of support for the program and mission outreach of the Women's Division through the Board of Missions, financial support for projects which are the responsibility of the church as a whole should be supported by members of the Women's Societies and Guilds as individual church members rather than through the Women's Society and Guild treasuries.

(No. 24) In the event of the death of the treasurer of the local, district, or conference society, or the disability of such treasurer to the extent that she is unable to discharge the duties of said office, the president of the local, district, or conference society be authorized and empowered by the Administrative Committee (or by the Executive Committee in local societies where there is no Administrative Committee) to draw and sign checks on behalf of said society.

Each rule and bylaw was individually adopted. Mrs. Kirkpatrick moved the adoption of the entire report. Motion seconded by Mrs. Cayard. Carried.

ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

Mrs. Chastain, Chairman, reported: The Committee for Annual Meeting program discussed various points and procedures concerning the next Annual Meeting, which will be a time of merger of Conferences A and B. The date for the meeting has been set for September 23-24, 1971, at First United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge. It will be a one-day meeting, with conference committees meeting the day before. It was decided to go to a leaflet form of program booklet in the interest of economy, with a consultation with the Wesleyan Service Guild to ascertain their wishes as to its format. Publicity concerning the meeting will be sent to all local presidents by the Conference president in the near future, and by the program chairman to district presidents in January, in time to be included in plans for district annual meetings. It was decided to use the facilities of the Program Council and the Louisiana Methodist for pre-meeting publicity. The committee recommended that invitations be sent to Dr. Tracy Jones, General Secretary of the National Division of the Board of Missions, and Mrs. Edward Brandhorst, president of the South Central Jurisdiction Society-Guild, to speak and provide special leadership for the meeting. A very general schedule for the meeting was discussed. The first session on Thursday afternoon would include opening ceremonies, music, meditation, business, presentation by our guest resource person, and our Conference president's address. There would also be a coffee break during the afternoon. From 4:30 to 6:00, a "Free University" plan will be offered, with various facilities and personnel available. This would possibly include project directors, if available. A fellowship dinner in cooperation with Conference B would precede

the evening session. This session will feature one of our resource persons, music and worship. Friday morning we will convene with Conference B for election of officers, a merger ceremony, pledge service and communion. All plans are of necessity very general and will be agreed on in consultation with officers and chairmen of Conference B. Our theme will be "Teach Us To Build". "We would be building; temples still undone / O'er crumbling walls their crosses scarcely lift; / Waiting 'til love can raise the broken stone, / And hearts creative bridge the human rift. / Teach us to build; upon the solid rock / We set the dream that hardens into deed!"

NOMINATIONS

Mrs. Cayard, Chairman, reported: The Committee on Nominations met during the School of Mission. The agenda included two items of business for consideration. 1) Discussion on the guidelines for a joint meeting with the Committee on Nominations of Conference B. 2) Set a date for the combined meeting. The discussion on Item 1 was informal with no specific recommendations for procedure. The suggested date for the joint meeting was December 5-6, 1970, the time of the Annual Winter Meeting of the Conference A Board of the Laity in Alexandria, since most of the committee members would be involved in this meeting. The members of Conference B Committee on Nominations attending the School of Mission were invited to join the meeting. The suggested date for the joint meeting was approved by the group.

Recommendations from the Committee on Nominations:

1. That the Conference Society recommend to the District Societies that the officers presently serving should continue in office until such time as officers for the merged society are elected.

Mrs. Cayard moved the adoption of No. 1. Seconded by Mrs. Young. Carried.

2. Further recommend that the Conference President or her representative appoint a committee on nominations for each district which would be representative of the district. This committee on nominations would make recommendations for the election mentioned above.

Mrs. Cayard moved the adoption of No. 2. Seconded by Mrs. Wallace. Carried.

WELFARE IN LOUISIANA

Mrs. Carter reported on an interview with a staff member in Caddo Parish Welfare Office. Mrs. Chastain visited the Calcasieu Parish Welfare Office and Mrs. Bandel reviewed the investigation she made in the Baton Rouge office.

TOUR

Mrs. Bandel reported: The following are recommendations from the committee:

1. That the Conference Society cooperates with the Conference Program Council in sponsoring one or more Youth Camps, summer 1971.
2. That we provide the \$300 that is available from the Conference Women's Society funds for emergency fund for the project.
3. That Mrs. T. D. Wallace, district president of the Shreveport district, be our representative to consult with the Council and Miss Alice Flint in making plans for this project and inform us how we might aid in promotion.

ITINERATION OF CONFERENCE OFFICERS

Mrs. Gallaher stated that recommendations from the Regional Society-Guild and Conference that Conference officers itinerate the districts, but due to the changes the committee recommends that no plans be made for such itineration in the near future.

BISHOP'S RETIREMENT

Mrs. Kirkpatrick reported: A committee has been formed through the Conference Board of the Laity, with all interests of the Conference being represented, to make plans for honoring Bishop Aubrey G. Walton upon his retirement. The plan at this stage is that the time for the actual honoring will be the 1972 session of the Annual Conference.

The Committee adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

THURSDAY MORNING

The Committee convened at 8:30 a.m. in the Azalea Room at the Ramada Inn.

Morning Meditation

Mrs. McGowan read the poem, "This is the Day" and gave the morning prayer.

Mrs. McGowan expressed her appreciation for the privilege of attending the meetings of the Women's Division and the Board of Missions held in Los Angeles in October. She brought us the highlights of these meetings.

These important dates of meetings in 1971 were listed:

August 12-17 World Federation in Denver

August 17 World Methodist Conference

August 23-31 National Seminar of the Women's Division, Lincoln, Neb. (3 from each Conference will be chosen to attend)

The secretary read the following telegram: "The Women's Society of Broadmoor United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, La., extend a very warm and cordial invitation to the Conference Executive Committee to be our guest for your meeting (lunch and evening dinner at our church) on Wednesday, September 22, 1971. It would be our extreme honor and privilege to be your hostesses that day. Love, Jean Roberts, President, and Janis Copenaver, District President." The invitation was accepted by common consent.

COMMENT SERIES

Mrs. Aycock, Chairman, reported: The time schedule and the officers responsible for their comment were prepared and mailed to each conference officer and to Mrs. Alfred Knox, the editor of the Woman's Page of the Louisiana Methodist. All participants are to be commended for the promptness of getting their article to the editor and the quality of material compiled. A new schedule will be made in December. As we write our comments let us remember the request from the printer that the lines do not exceed 5 or 6 inches across the page. The lines are double spaced.

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP RECORDS

Mrs. C. W. Tebow of Bunkie has resigned as custodian of these records. Mrs. James moved that the Membership Book be transferred to Mrs. Gardner. Motion seconded by Mrs. Cayard. Carried.

ANNUAL REPORTS COMMITTEE

Mrs. McGowan appointed Mrs. Chastain, Mrs. Gallaher and Mrs. Compton to a committee responsible for disposing of Annual Reports of past years that are not needed for historical records or library stock.

SPRING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING and LEADERSHIP TEAM WORKSHOP

Mrs. Compton moved that the Administrative Committee be given the responsibility of deciding the dates for these two meetings. Motion seconded by Mrs. Chastain. Carried.

REGISTRATION FOR ANNUAL MEETING

Mrs. Chastain moved that a registration fee of \$2.00 be requested for the 1971 Annual Meeting. Motion seconded by Mrs. Kirkpatrick. Carried.

Mrs. McGowan read a letter from Mrs. Jack Watson, Chairman of Task force on Action-Reflection Seminar of South Central Jurisdiction Society-Guild concerning application to enroll in the 10-day seminar, "A Biblical Faith and Today's Woman". Mrs. G. W. Dameron and Mrs. George Thomas were suggested as qualified persons to attend the seminar.

Mrs. McGowan made the following announcements: (1) Mrs. Cornelia Lake-Smith had resigned as Regional Staff member in the Nashville region and no replacement had been made. (2) Resources to be available late in 1970 are: a) 1971 Prayer Calendar, b) Call to Prayer and Self Denial material, c) a packet of material on "The Drug Puzzle", (3) Dr. J. Edward Carothers had resigned as Executive Secretary of the National Division to be associated with the National Council of Churches, and (4) Delegates to the Jurisdiction Meeting will be elected after merger.

ANNUAL MEETING 1972

Mrs. McGowan asked the District Presidents to assist in finding a society to host the 1972 Annual Meeting.

There was a 5-minute coffee break.

Mrs. Young showed slides of the Houston Assembly.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Mrs. McGowan could not attend the state meeting of Church Women United. Mrs. Chastain represented the Women's Society.

NATIONAL MEETING

Mrs. Chastain was elected representative from Louisiana Conference A to attend the National Meeting at Wichita, Kansas, April 22-25, 1971.

MACDONELL COMMUNITY CENTER

Mrs. Bandel reported the Center is now a home for disturbed children. The Center is professionally staffed and qualified to deal with such cases. The director, Mr. Jerry Bridges, is doing a fine job. Invitations to the open Board Meeting November 30, 1970, and the Open House April 18, 1971 were extended.

DULAC COMMUNITY CENTER

Mr. Jimmy Hebert has resigned as director of this project. No director has been appointed to fill this vacancy.

BUSINESS GIRLS' INN

Mrs. Gardner reported there had been a recent study of the needs at the Inn. Plans are being made for a Young Adult Ministry to meet some of the needs. These plans are ecumenical in nature, oriented in the Inn and also using other facilities in the community. The greatest problems are personnel and funds.

ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY CENTER

Mrs. Gallaher reported: St. Mark's Community Center is involved in re-thinking how we can best serve our neighborhood in a rapidly changing world. In the past few years, the Center has shown its willingness to respond to the challenging circumstances of today's society. This past spring, to facilitate this new awareness, the Board of Directors of St. Mark's Community Center requested a consultation from the Community Center Department of the United Methodist Board of Missions. The request was granted and Miss

Anna Louise Weeks came for a week. There followed many meetings of the Board of Directors, committees of the Board, the program staff and several Tulane School of Social Work graduate students for study, evaluating and planning for St. Mark's Community Center. With a special grant from the National Board of Missions, a team of four US-2's (short-term missionaries) have been assigned to St. Mark's for the purpose of helping investigate, evaluate and implement needed services for neighborhood problems and help St. Mark's become involved in social change in the neighborhood. The four US-2's are Lorely Thompson, David Kiel, Carolyn Sue Graham and Edward L. Graham. We feel that it is a real privilege to have these young people with us. The Board of Directors, the Staff and the US-2 team will be working together to implement alterations in advancements for the meeting of the current and future needs of the community we serve.

Miss Alston thanked the Committee for making it possible for her to attend the meeting and she felt she had become better acquainted with the Committee members.

MERGER COMMITTEE

Mrs. McGowan appointed the members of the Administrative Committee and Mrs. Carter to serve on the Merger Committee. There will also be a committee appointed from Conference B.

Mrs. McGowan included the workers and projects listed in the Prayer Calendar for the day in her closing prayer.

Committee adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Secretary
Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, President

Journal Committee:

Mrs. W. B. Gardner
Mrs. Jesse R. Porter

Approved by the Executive Committee April 28, 1971

THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES LOUISIANA CONFERENCE A WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE January 25, 1971

The Administrative Committee was polled January 25, 1971, by letter, 'phone and personal contacts, and approved the actions on two meetings. (1) The Spring Executive Committee Meeting will be held at the Ramada Inn, Alexandria, April 28th and 29th, with necessary meetings of committees in the afternoon and evening of April 27th. (2) The Experience-Enrichment Workshop was postponed until after Conferences A and B Women's Societies are merged.

Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Secretary
Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, President

Approved by the Executive Committee April 28, 1971

**MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
of the LOUISIANA CONFERENCE A
WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE
April 29, 1971**

The Administrative Committee of the Louisiana Conference A met April 29, 1971 at the Ramada Inn in Alexandria and approved the following recommendations:

1. That the Conference Treasurer serve through December 31, 1971 and that the newly elected treasurer work with the present treasurer to make the fourth quarter's report.
2. That the District Treasurers follow the same pattern.

Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Secretary
Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, President

Approved by the Executive Committee April 29, 1971.

The Administrative Committee met and approved the following recommendation: That after all outstanding financial commitments are met by Louisiana Conference A that all money remaining in the treasury after merger be transferred to the new Conference Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild as of December 31, 1971.

Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Secretary
Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, President

Approved by the Executive Committee April 29, 1971.

**MID-YEAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE
Alexandria, Louisiana, April 28-29, 1971**

The Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service of Louisiana Conference A convened at 1:45 p.m., Wednesday, April 28, 1971 in the Azalea Room of the Ramada Inn in Alexandria, with the president, Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, presiding. The opening session was preceded by various committee meetings on Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning.

The president introduced and welcomed Mrs. Walter H. Brock, president, of the Baton Rouge District and Mrs. J. S. Goff, treasurer, of Shreveport District and Miss Ethel Alston, president of Conference B.

Mrs. Gilbert Bandel led the group in an experience of worship by using the record, "Jesus Christ Superstar". Words of the song which those young people are thinking and saying were distributed and followed.

Committee Appointments made by Mrs. McGowan were the following: Journal, Mrs. I. W. Rowland and Mrs. Walter H. Brock. Evaluation Committee to evaluate this meeting, Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Mrs. J. D. Hansard, Jr., and Mrs. Edgar Cayard.

The Roll Call by the secretary indicated the following were present: Mesdames Charles B. McGowan, Carl Gallaher, L. C. Aycock, W. B. Gardner, R. E. Carter, Gilbert Bandel, George Chastain, Jr., Robert Compton, T. L. James, T. C. Young, Walter H. Brock, Robert H. Brupbacher, Jr., Sam Clay, Jr., L. L. Freeman, Jr., Louie Chrisman, John Willis, Jesse Porter, Leo Hoffpauir, Lucille Goodwin, J. Herbert Walker, Edgar E. Cayard, J. D. Hansard, Jr., I. W. Rowland, T. D. Wallace, J. S. Goff, George Thomas and T. E. Kirkpatrick. Cards were

sent to those absent members.

The Minutes of the following meetings were approved as had been previously edited and mailed to each member of the committee: Administrative Committee, August 20, 1970; Administrative Committee, January 25, 1971, and the Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, November 4-5, 1970.

Communications were read by the secretary from Dr. Vela Cleveland, Mrs. George W. Pomeroy, Mrs. W. B. Gardner and the E. A. Anderson Family (Mrs. Gardner's father). Mrs. R. E. Carter expressed the appreciation of her family for the prayers and messages sent to them after Mother Carter's death.

DISTRICT REPORTS

ALEXANDRIA

Mrs. T. C. Young reported only seventeen statistical reports were received. Very few societies promote the reading program and only five reported a pledge increase. We lost one society and one new society was organized. Mr. Jerry Bridges, director of MacDonell and Reverend James Jones of Wesley Foundation, Northwestern, were speakers at sub-district meetings. Seventy attended the District Annual Meeting where Mrs. C. B. McGowan told of the Board of Missions and Woman's Division Meeting in Los Angeles. Publicity about the School of Christian Mission and the Week-End School was distributed and mailed to those societies not represented there. Our Women's Society and Guild are actively represented on the District Board of Laity. Our first quarter's treasurer's report was encouraging. Hopefully this is an upswing in our District giving. Some of the special actions are: Two small societies sent 40 Upper Rooms, each, to the Huey P. Long Hospital Chaplain, visitation and service to nursing homes, Day Care Centers and with patients at Central. Some help with the tutoring program. The drug problem and prisoners at Angola are some special concerns.

BATON ROUGE

Mrs. Walter H. Brock reported a Day Apart for the District Executive Committees of Conferences A and B was planned jointly and was held at Camp Istrouma November 7th. Fourteen attended (seven from each Conference), and the sharing of favorite Psalms, singing, and a potluck lunch made for closer feelings and a meaningful experience. The District Annual Meeting was held March 17th at Broadmoor United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge. One hundred forty attended. Mrs. Charles McGowan, Conference President, spoke on "The New Styles of Mission and Pressure Points", relating especially to the Annual Meetings of the Board of Missions and Women's Division. A "Membership Dialogue" led by Mrs. James Brasher, Sub-District I chairman, featured a new method of organization in the Women's Society of University United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge. Officers newly elected to serve until after the merger were: Mrs. Walter H. Brock, President, and Mrs. M. W. Kirkpatrick, Vice President. Appreciation was expressed to Mrs. Harris D. Copenhaver, Jr., retiring President, by the gift of an Honorary Membership, and also to Dr. Luman E. Douglas, District Superintendent, and Mrs. McGowan by Gifts to Missions in their honor. Two events in the District were promoted: District Day Apart, May 6, to be led by Mrs. George Chastain, Jr., Conference Chairman of Spiritual Growth and Louisiana Conference A Annual Meeting, September 23-24, First United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge. The total membership of the District is 1,421, representing 25 societies (1,282 members) and 8 Guilds (139). Even though the 1970 pledge of \$16,500 lacked \$500.95 being paid in full, additional giving brought total contributions to \$18,116.98. It is hoped that the 1971 first quarter's pledge having been met is an indication that the full year's pledge of \$15,250 will be made. Even more, it is hoped we may grow in understanding of and participation in the mission of the church.

HAMMOND

Mrs. Sam Clay, Jr., reported the Hammond District Annual Meeting was held in Covington with over 100 attending. The two speakers were Miss Louise Sharp, Executive

Director of St. Mark's Community Center in New Orleans, who told us of the work being done by this center in the inner city and also the camp located in our own district near Covington. The second speaker was the Conference President, Mrs. C. B. McGowan, who brought us a most understanding and informative talk on the merger plans for Conference A and Conference B. The Women's Society met its pledge to missions, however, our district as a whole did not. We were short only a very little and the two reports that came in late would have made us go over the district pledge for both the Society and the Guild. Only about half of our societies turned in their evaluation reports. From these the following facts were noted:

1. Membership in our larger societies is made up of women in the 30 to 50 year age group while the smaller societies (mostly rural) is made up of women in the age group over 50 years.
2. All societies except two use one of the program books and these two use materials recommended by the Women's Division.
3. Five stated that they had increased their pledge to missions.
4. The reading program is not going over.
5. All societies had local officer training. If they were not present at the training meeting, materials were sent to them to be studied.
6. There seems to be some increase in the subscriptions to response.
7. About one-half of the societies have taken one study and one reported two.
8. Most of the societies that had comments did state that most of their work was done on the local level.

We have one new society and one has become active again. Two new Guilds have been reported in our district.

LAFAYETTE

Mrs. Louie Chrisman reported the Lafayette District Women's Society of Christian Service was represented at the District Annual Church meeting. The District President gave a report. Two sub-districts and the Guild have had their spring meeting. One program was given by a librarian. Books on religion, cooking, travel were stressed. One program was on spiritual growth, and one program was given by the director of MacDonell, Mr. Jerry Bridges. All societies and Guilds present at these meetings gave a report of their work. All are very busy doing the Lord's work in many different ways. Lafayette District did not have a spring annual meeting. The date is set for October 12, 1971, at the First Methodist Church, in New Iberia. The study of Psalms has been very well liked by everyone. The ladies enjoyed doing the paraphrasing and collages. The Berwick Society has been reorganized with 16 members. The president is Mrs. Tommy Bergeron. The Crowley Guild has gone inactive. My heart pumps with joy when I see these young mothers coming to the circle. At one sub-district meeting 13 mothers came bringing 11 children. Thank God for every member of the Women's Society of Christian Service.

LAKE CHARLES

Mrs. Jesse Porter reported the Lake Charles district had a loss of 57 members. The total membership is 1300. It is nice to know that some societies are having an Every Member Canvass to interest women in Women's Society membership. The percentages show 60 percent of membership is over 50, 33 percent between 30-50, and 7 percent under 30. Most societies reported promotion of the reading program. Only one (Trinity, Jennings) reported almost 100 percent participation. This society is a former Evangelical United Brethren

which gave us the reading program. In missionary education some societies are studying together, joining forces of energy and finances. One out-growth from these studies has been to send supplies and monies to some of the Americas to be used as needed. Money-making projects seem to be coming back into style. So many of the societies reported large amounts made and list the mission needs to which this money was applied. Many reported saving cancelled commemorative stamps for milk for children overseas. Some members of societies work at nursing homes on a voluntary basis, washing and setting hair, reading, writing letters, doing extra little things for added comfort and pleasure. Some entertain with music, handicraft and spiritual enrichment. One society reported paying tuition for three children from Dulac to go to a day care center.

MONROE

Mrs. Lucille Goodwin reported the third annual meeting was held at the Memorial United Methodist Church April 15, 1971. Mrs. Richard Milk, a former Missionary for 24 years, serving in Cuba, Jamaica, Vietnam and Mexico, was the speaker. Mrs. C. B. McGowan, our Conference President, talked on new developments in the work of women in the church. The conference treasurer, Mrs. Wiley B. Gardner, and the conference secretary, Mrs. L. C. Aycock, were also present. There has been a good relationship with Conference B. They have been invited to the executive and district meetings and several have attended. Five district officers of Conference A attended Conference B district meeting. We did not meet our pledge this year, but there seems to be increased interest in giving as the president and treasurer have visited the local societies promoting the work. Societies of the district continue to serve the Tuesday luncheon at Northeast University Wesley Foundation. A Spiritual Growth and World Understanding Retreat will be held at Camp Chemin-A-Haut on May 7th and 8th.

NEW ORLEANS

Mrs. Edgar Cayard reported covering the period from December 1970 to May 1, 1971. The Annual Spring meeting was held March 31, 1971 in Carrollton Church. There was no election held since all district officers had agreed to remain in office until the merged district is organized. The attendance was good; most societies were represented. Important materials and information were distributed. The meeting was used as our Day Apart. Mrs. Gilbert Bandel led an inspiring and challenging program with the theme "Together in Faith". The sub-district Christmas Coffees were held in early December. District officers and members participated in the Congress on Evangelism meeting in New Orleans January 1971. This meeting, national in scope, featured outstanding speakers and leaders. St. Mark's Community Center, with the US-2's added to the staff, is widening its program of services to the community. Local churches are being challenged and are cooperating in many of these activities. The MacDonell Methodist Center, the migrant program and many others are being supported. A report was given to the New Orleans District Conference, March 18, 1971. The statistical and evaluation reports from local societies reveal varied program area concerns and study groups. There are 27 societies, 7 Guilds, with approximately 1507 members. Special activity resulted in the district pledge being paid in full, with the Guild going over their part.

RUSTON

Mrs. I. W. Rowland reported that four sub-district meetings were held in October and November. An Officer's Training Skit was given with each district officer designing her own costume, writing the script, and illustrating her duties with unique accessories -- informative and received graciously. District goals set up for year are: (1) To visit every Society and make effort to reach women in each of 76 congregations in district. [Yes]. (2) To pay our district pledge in full. [No]. (3) To have a Spiritual Growth District Retreat. [Yes]. Last fall, each society was asked to accept the names of one or more congregations with no organized Society or Guild, to be responsible for trying to get the women involved in some phase of the work. This OUT-REACH program was emphasized for 3 months. The new life which the participants received may be the most outstanding results. May I share a few of the activities: luncheons, coffees, special programs shared, visitation to congregations and

churches, increase in contacts with sick, shut-ins, absentees; spiritual enrichment crusades of entire church membership, all societies of one sub-district sending out letters of invitation to prospective members, monthly fellowship suppers, and the names of uninvolved women being "adopted" by members. Our Spring District meeting was held at Lakeview, Minden, on March 31. Mrs. F. E. Kennon spoke on "100 Years of Methodism in India" and showed slides of her recent trip to India. The District Retreat was held at Caney Lake Methodist Camp, on April 14th, led by Mrs. Ralph Cain, with Dr. Ben Petty of S.M.U. bringing two outstanding messages: "Methodism's Doctrine of Assurance" and "Methodism's Doctrine of Christian Perfection". A number of ministers in the district assisted. With real sorrow we face the loss of probably a half dozen societies in redistricting, but we rejoice that the members are dedicated Christian women who will be in the service of our Lord wherever they are.

SHREVEPORT

Mrs. T. D. Wallace reported the Annual District Meeting was well attended by the local societies. Mrs. Jack Bussie, District Treasurer, reported that the final financial statement had been mailed with the pledge being \$4,500 short, which was better than had been expected. Mrs. Maxine Watkins, Chairman of Christian Social Relations, held a very successful workshop on Social Welfare and Public Assistance in Louisiana. Mr. John Westbrook, Director of the Department of Public Welfare, Caddo Parish, was the principal speaker. The women of the Inn Board sponsored a book review "Caddo, 1000" given by Mrs. Paul Hildreth, at the Broadmoor Methodist Church. The net proceeds of about \$940.00 were turned over to the Business Girls' Inn to assist in its operation. As some of you know, the Inn is in the process of expanding to meet the needs of young adults of the community in Shreveport. One way in which the society is assisting is in preparing and serving the "Two-Bit" luncheons. Once a month a local society serves a noon meal at the Inn and any of the young adults who care to attend can eat lunch for only twenty-five cents. This is a great help to the ones on limited budgets right close to payday. Also local societies are sponsoring film festivals at various times at the Inn. Women of local societies serve a meal on regular basis for the Methodist Student Movement at Centenary. Usually supper for about fifty college students is prepared and taken to the college. Also Meals on Wheels for elderly shut-ins is a continuing project for the local societies. The highlight of the Annual District Meeting was the talk by Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick who also showed wonderful slides of her trip to India. Besides telling of the work of the Missions in India she showed pictures of life in India and the many contrasts brought about by different customs, religions, and ways of life in India. The district honored all of its officers with special memberships or gifts to missions. We all appreciated so much the thought behind this recognition and know that because of the district's concern people will be helped in a very tangible way. A very happy part of the district meeting was a pet project of our Vice President, Mrs. Jack Carlisle. At the suggestion of our district committee she wrote each society asking them to "Share an Idea" with the district by bringing a poster to the Annual Meeting depicting something special their women had done during the year. We had posters showing women learning, helping children, nursing elderly, fixing flowers for church service, and a great variety of Christian experiences they had participated in during the year. It gave a wonderful lift to our luncheon where the posters were all on display. It has been a pleasure to work with the Shreveport District.

CONFERENCE B

Miss Alston, president, expressed her appreciation for the privilege of attending the meeting. Emphasis in a type of program to involve and interest people of the golden age group is being stressed. The Guilds are not as active as the Women's Societies which causes a concern in the total program. There has been a wonderful relationship with everyone in Conference A that will result in a successful merger of the two conferences.

CONFERENCE OFFICER REPORTS

VICE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Carl Gallaher reported: Since our Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting resource materials for the Vice Presidents provided for us by Mrs. Frank Calhoun, Section on Program and Education for Christian Mission, were sent to the District Vice Presidents. Also, enclosed was a letter of encouragement from the Conference Vice President. Two articles have appeared in the *Louisiana Methodist* concerning our work. The observances of Call to Prayer and Self Denial Week and Pledge services were promoted.

SECRETARY

Mrs. Aycock stated that the minutes of the Administrative Committee of August 20, 1970 and January 25, 1971 and the minutes of the Fall Executive Committee Meeting had been edited and circulated to each member of the Executive Committee. In early March a letter was sent to all district secretaries with plans for securing local and district officer lists and including the deadline date of September 30, 1971 for local lists to reach them. Plans to send a letter to all local secretaries with instructions for sending in their lists to the district secretary, is being prepared. Again, the two officer blanks will go to each local society the last week in August for recording their new officers. We covet your help in this very important matter. The Annual Report cannot go to the printer until all lists are completed and in on time.

TREASURER

Mrs. Gardner presented the overall financial statement through two posters: (1) Your Dollar and the Board of Missions, (2) How Women Give to Missions Through the Women's Division. The use of My Blessing Bank was promoted. The 1970 membership book in which is recorded the name of each person who had been honored with a membership, the date it was given and the type of membership, was displayed.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Mrs. R. E. Carter reported the work of Christian Social Relations has been carried on through the district chairmen, with whom there has been close contact. This has included helps for the aged, women in prison, migratory workers, young mothers, mentally ill, minority groups, foreign students, youth, children from broken homes, special offerings for MacDonell Community Center and Methodist Home Hospital. I have purchased from Service Center two Drug Puzzle packets for loan which have had rather wide distribution throughout the conference with several workshops or seminars resulting, or benefitting from using them.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Mrs. Gilbert Bandel reported: Two quotations have been very meaningful to me in the past few months. One is from Miss Barbara Campbell from the Women's Division, office of Leadership for Schools and Mission Education, and which, incidentally, will be one of our teachers at our own conference school in July. Miss Campbell wrote: "Study is our business". This is not superficial reading about mission, but sincere, honest searching of the needs of the world — at home and abroad — and the plans of the church to meet those needs. This kind of study drives us to our knees, forces us to roll up our sleeves and loosens the ties on our check books. Let's don't apologize for the time we spend with study or feel guilty that we are not "doing something". Study helps reveal how God is speaking to ALL the world TODAY. The 1970 Annual Report of the Board of Missions (available from Service Center for \$2.00) should be available to every Society/Guild. The statements by Bishop Lloyd Wicke, president, and Dr. Tracey K. Jones, General Secretary, are worth the price of the book. Financial statements, reports of each division — the dreams, goals, achievements, all make this one of the most valuable tools for study. Have you read, "Studying: Why Send Missionaries?" in April response? The double-sized issue of *New World Outlook* is worth the subscription! Rabbi Marvin Reznikoff of the Liberal Synagogue in Baton Rouge said this winter, "Study is a form of worship". If you have not approached

study in this way, I challenge you — then watch the change in your life.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Mrs. Chastain reported that as she had listened to all other officers give their reports it was evident that her area of work had been carried out as every officer was involved in growing spiritually. Spiritual Growth cannot be separated from Missionary Education, Christian Social Relations or any other phase of the women's work. The society and guild had contributed \$5,830.61 as a result of the observance of the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial.

PROGRAM MATERIALS

Mrs. Robert Compton reported there is an abundance of program resources for our use, some old and some new. "1970 Annual Report of the Board of Missions", "Project Handbook-National Missions", "Project Handbook-Overseas Missions", are new resources. Film strips "Mission is . ." and "Saris in the 70's"; movie "The Hope of the Morning" are new audio-visual aids. A free for postage pamphlet "Membership in the Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild" and "You are the Target" are new helpful materials. A leaflet on "Extremism, What You Can Do", 20 cents, is informative. Twenty-two copies of "A Plan for the Church of Christ Uniting" were mailed to members of the Executive Committee. Monthly a Newsletter is sent to all local secretaries of Program Materials and I mail this information, along with extra materials from the Service Center, to the nine District Secretaries. There is constant encouragement to our members to use the Reading Program. Using our resources we are aware of the needs of others and informed as to how to respond to our part in the mission of the Church.

HISTORIAN

Mrs. James requested help in securing additional information for the historical file. She suggested that any programs, pictures and accounts of any special activities would help to complete the Conference A record.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

In the absence of Miss Mildred Evans, chairman, the secretary read the following report: Since my last report to you in October we have had: Two new Guild units organized in the Hammond District — one in Hammond and one in Pearl River. One new Guild unit in the Monroe District at Bastrop in the Memorial United Methodist Church. One new Guild unit in the Baton Rouge District at Baker. The Amite Guild unit in the Hammond District was disbanded and the Oak Grove Guild unit in the Monroe District was disbanded. We now have a total of 97 Guild units. Despite the fact that we failed to meet our pledge to missions for 1970, as a whole the District Chairmen are to be commended for the effort made to try to meet their pledge. It was very pleasing, too, to know that in four districts the Guild pledge was overpaid by fairly substantial amounts. A new chairman was elected and took office in January in the Lake Charles District. She is Mrs. Veima Thomas, a tireless worker, and one who will continue the good work of the retired District chairman, Mrs. Rosa McCullough. The Conference Guild is cooperating with the Cooperative Weekend of Christian Mission. Plans for our Guild Weekend, July 23-24 and our Annual Meeting, September 24-25 are progressing. We are working for a successful merger with Conference B Guild and have continued to urge each District chairman to work with the Conference B Guild Units in her district. We are urging a good representation from the Guild at the Conference School of Christian Mission and we are making every effort to have full representation at the Regional School of Christian Mission. Our total pledge to Missions for this year is \$23,521.00. We did not do so well in our first quarter payment. It is hoped that each District Chairman will continue to promote the urgent need for meeting the pledge to Missions. It would be wonderful for each District Chairman to follow the example of the Baton Rouge, Hammond and Monroe Districts through organization of at least one unit in her district. At the risk of being repetitious I would like to quote from my report made to you in October: "The Joint Committee on Membership in the local church offers a challenge for the society and guild to work together in this important area. The committee

is responsible for making suggestions to the society and guild regarding the enlistment of women, encouraging their participation in the program of the church, the society, guild and community. Yes, it is YOU who can DO what must be done NOW. Nothing gets done without experience. Experience means you've experienced something. Few things are stronger than experience except the use of that experience, passing its benefit along to someone else. Only in that way does it increase in value. Will you do just that? Will you pass along to another woman the benefit of membership in the society and guild NOW? I am confident that you will "Stir What You Have" and that we can count on you to meet these challenges." Again, may I express my appreciation to each of you and through you to your members for the opportunity given me to lead and direct you through these years of change and challenge. Your help and cooperation has been wonderful and all of you have my everlasting gratitude.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick moved the acceptance of the Guild report. Motion seconded by Mrs. Gallaher. Carried.

There was a fifteen minute recess.

JURISDICTION COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Mrs. Thomas reported official word has been received that the Women's Division plans for the continuation of the Jurisdiction-Society-Guild for another quadrennium with some possible changes in guidelines where needed. The Jurisdiction nominating committee will have to prepare a complete slate of officers and nominating committee to be elected during the regional school in 1972. At a date not yet set the committee will meet and begin the work. This will be the first meeting I have been asked to attend since becoming a member of this committee. Names for the following offices, that are to be filled, are needed: president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, and two members-at-large.

PRESIDENT

Mrs. McGowan discussed a portion of the report and recommendations of the Section of Christian Social Relations directed to the Women's Division.

Miss Connie Lynn Wennet, 612 Broadway, New Orleans 70118, has been accepted as a candidate for a deaconess.

Miss Elizabeth Langford is attending the World Development Seminar being held in New York. Only 30 women from throughout the United States were chosen to participate in the Seminar. It is sponsored by the Christian Social Relations.

Important meeting dates are:

June 6-11, 1971 — Conference on Ecumenical Mission.

June 28-July 1, 1971 — A Leadership event including Wilson Lectures, Coaching Conferences, Seminars and Job Training.

Both are to be at Mt. Sequoyah.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Mrs. Kirkpatrick, chairman, stated that both Conference Committees on Constitution and Bylaws had met together and worked out the report to be presented to the Merging Meeting in September. An explanation was given in areas where changes are being made and a statement that complete copies of the report will be in the hands of all members of both Executive Committees at least thirty days before the meeting.

DISTRICT OFFICER TRAINING

Mrs. Gallaher, chairman, reported District Officer Training will be held on Tuesday, November 16, 1971 at Horseshoe Drive Methodist Church in Alexandria. A light lunch will be prepared by the Women's Society for \$1.50 per person, donuts and coffee for 25¢ per person, total \$1.75 per person. Registration blanks and all the necessary information will be mailed according to our schedule. We will appreciate your full cooperation.

Mrs. Gallaher moved the acceptance of the report. Seconded by Mrs. Gardner. Carried.

6:00 p.m. — The Committee recessed for dinner in the Coffee Shop.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

7:30 p.m. — The Committee reconvened and committee reports were continued.

TOUR

Mrs. Bandel, chairman, called for Mrs. Wallace to give a report on the information gathered from Miss Alice Flint at the Program Council office in Shreveport. The Youth Tour will be three weeks in July and the project is a Mission west of Broken Bow, Oklahoma. There will be twenty-five youths and four or five adults who will repair an old sanctuary at the Mission to make it usable while the new sanctuary is built. Later this old structure will become the Education Building. The \$300.00 emergency fund provided by the Conference Women's Society and Guild has been added to their budget to help some young person in case it is needed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Gardner, chairman. Mrs. Hansard, secretary of the committee, read the following recommendations: (1) That the Annual Meeting offering be given to missions in honor of Bishop and Mrs. Walton. (2) That \$500.00 be sent to the library at Scarritt College in honor of Mrs. Virginia Laskey, the money to be taken from the funds in Rapides Savings and Loan Association. (3) That the remainder in Rapides Savings and Loan Association be equally divided between the six Louisiana projects and the pledge to missions. (4) That from the excess of 1970 cultivation funds, \$1,000.00 be used on pledge to missions with the remainder to be used for promotional and educational work in the Louisiana Conference after merger.

After each recommendation was discussed, Mrs. Gardner moved the adoption of the report. Motion seconded by Mrs. James. Carried.

Mrs. McGowan stated that Women's Societies of Conference A and B had been requested to file a complete financial report with the legal authority, Mr. Tom Matheny. The statement from Conference A had been filed.

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Mrs. Wiley B. Gardner, Conference Treasurer
Women's Society of Christian Service
Louisiana Conference
The United Methodist Church
Mooringsport, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Gardner:

We have examined the statement of cash receipts and disbursements of the Women's

Society of Christian Service of the Louisiana Conference, United Methodist Church for the year ended December 31, 1970. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards applicable to the cash basis of accounting, and accordingly included such test of the records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying statement of cash receipts and disbursements presents fairly the result of the cash transactions of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Louisiana Conference for the year ended December 31, 1970.

Lindsey, Oken and Opferkuch

Shreveport, Louisiana
February 23, 1971

**WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
For the year ended December 31, 1970**

Cash Balance January 1, 1970

Commercial National Bank, Shreveport, Louisiana, Checking Account	\$ 16,815.04	
First Federal Savings and Loan, Alexandria Louisiana, Savings Account	1,771.73	
Rapides Building and Loan Assn., Alexandria, Louisiana, Savings Account	3,000.00	\$ 21,586.77

Receipts

Pledge to Missions	\$139,458.18	
Special Memberships	11,307.35	
Gifts to Missions	414.50	
In Remembrance	1,789.85	
Special Offering	646.95	
Result of Study	15.00	
World Bank	3,304.51	
Call to Prayer	5,962.87	
Supplementary World	278.10	
National	2,742.27	
Others	2.50	
LMCF	1,788.13	
Cultivation	2,802.24	
Assembly Offering	1,081.41	
Interest on Savings	145.84	
Transfer funds 1st Federal	1,771.73	
Tote Bags Sale	3.30	
Collection School of Christian Mission	2,266.50	
Miscellaneous	6.73	
Refund Guild	1,449.80	
Collection Guild	218.51	
Sales Literature Christian Mission	960.05	
Refund to Cultivation from Assembly	140.00	
Sale annual reports	149.32	
Refund Hotel Bill	27.00	
Collection Annual Meeting WSCS	200.00	
Registration Annual Meeting WSCS	287.10	<u>179,219.74</u>

Total To Be Accounted For\$200,806.51

Disbursements

To Women's Division.....	\$156,121.28	
Conference Officers Expense.....	977.27	
Schools of Christian Mission.....	4,580.23	
Guild Week End	266.23	
Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation	1,788.13	
Conference Program Council	600.00	
Cooperative Meetings	71.52	
Annual Meetings.....	1,557.88	
Annual Meeting WSG	1,472.02	
District Cultivation Fund	3,037.93	
Committee Expense	178.30	
Reg. School of Christian Mission.....	874.91	
Assembly Expense.....	500.00	
Mid-year Ex. Committee Meeting Guild	296.37	
Conference Committee Expense.....	75.84	
District Conference Cultivation	175.00	
Assembly Expense Guild	220.32	
Guild Regional School Christian.....	215.85	
District Officers Training.....	486.83	
Jurisdictional Missionary Conf.	120.84	
Church Women United.....	50.00	
La. Cooperative Sch. Christian Mission.....	2.00	
Jurisdictional Cultivation	619.15	
District Officers Meeting	105.00	
Miscellaneous Guild.....	25.00	
Miscellaneous Expense	10.00	
LMCF.....	1,788.13	
Cooperative Meeting.....	25.00	
Office Expense	7.88	176,248.91

Cash Balance — December 31, 1970

Commercial National Bank, Shreveport, Louisiana, Checking Account	\$ 21,557.60
Rapides Savings and Loan, Alexandria, Louisiana, Savings Account	3,000.00
Total Banks	\$ 24,557.60
Total Accounted For	\$200,806.51

1971 SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

Mrs. Bandel, chairman, reported the date for the School at Centenary College is July 20-23. The study courses to be offered and the teachers are:

1. New Machines and the New Humanity — Miss Barbara Campbell, Mrs. Hazel Dabney and Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick.
2. The New Generation in Africa — Mrs. Robert C. May, Mrs. C. K. Burns and Mrs. Inez Chrisentery.
3. Gospel of Matthew — The Reverend Robert Ed Taylor.

There will be two mailings to each society concerning the School. Everyone is urged to read all materials before attending, and the delegates from the same district are asked to take different courses and participate in different activities.

DISPOSAL OF BOUND COPIES OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

Mrs. Wallace stated a contact with the Program Council Office had been made and found there is sufficient space for storing these bound past reports. A motion was made by Mrs. Gardner that the First, Second, and Third Annual Reports be bound in one volume and filed

in the Program Council Office. Motion seconded by Mrs. Cayard. Carried.

ANNUAL REPORT

Mrs. Aycock, chairman, reported that the decision had been made to use the same type of paper inside and for the cover of the Third Annual Report as that in the Second Annual Report. The Committee is working on the front cover. There will be an increase in the number of pages in the Report because the Bylaws and Standing Rules adopted at the Annual meeting will be included and there will be an additional district. An increase in the number of copies may be necessary. This, the committee is also working on. A contact with the Post Office Department sheds no light on the possibility of a postage increase. This information will be available at a later date. An interview with Mr. Tom Gates, Gates Printing, Monroe, was held and a bid was received for printing our next Report. The price will be \$11.95 per page — the same as the past bids.

PROJECT EQUALITY

Mrs. Gardner is a committee member and serves as the secretary of the committee. She has attended two meetings. The work is national in scope and the purpose is to promote fair employment practices and other timely issues. The committee is composed of representatives from Conferences A and B.

NOMINATIONS

Mrs. Cayard, chairman, reported that the Conference A Committee on Nominations met jointly with the Conference B Committee on December 12, 1970 at the Ramada Inn, Alexandria, with the following members present: Conference A — Mrs. Edgar Cayard, Mrs. Jesse Porter, Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. W. F. Manning, Mrs. Harris Copenhaver, and Mrs. T. C. Young (representing Mrs. Harvey Henry, Alexandria District). Conference B — Mrs. Thelma Dixon, Mrs. J. Daniels, Mrs. Sara Fields, Mrs. Ida Young, Mrs. Charlie Jackson, and Mrs. Besye Rumph. A list of nominees to be presented to the Merging Conference in September 1971 was prepared. The following recommendations were submitted to the Conference Committee on Constitution and Bylaws: (1) The Committee on Nominations feels that the new committee on nominations should have a membership of eight persons effective with the merger in September 1971. We feel this will insure better representation and provide for a more effectively working committee to serve the Conference. (2) In order to establish rotation in elected leadership, the term of office for the vice president, secretary, chairman of missionary education and chairman of Christian Social Relations shall be one year, effective for the September elections only.

ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

Mrs. Chastain, chairman, reported that the 1971 Annual Meeting to be held at First United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, September 23-24 is a very special and important meeting. The main speaker, Dr. Tracey K. Jones, Jr., who is General Secretary of the Board of Missions, will speak Thursday night at which time both Conferences A and B will be in a joint meeting. Mrs. Edward A. Brandhorst, of Webster Grove, Missouri, will also be on the program and will install the new officers. Mrs. Brandhorst is president of the South Central Jurisdiction Guild/Society. All societies are urged to send their full quota of delegates.

To close the meeting Mrs. McGowan read the 138th Psalm.

THURSDAY MORNING

8:30 a.m. — The committee reconvened. The president asked that Mrs. Willis be remembered in prayer as a message had been received that her sister-in-law had passed away.

MORNING MEDITATION

Mrs. Chastain shared the experience she had while attending the Church Women United Ecumenical Assembly held in Wichita, Kansas. The 2,500 women present represented many

countries with native costumes, adding much to the meeting. The song, "One Woman's Hands", sung at the assembly was used as a benediction by the committee.

BUSINESS

COMMENT SERIES

Mrs. Aycock, chairman, reported that the Comment Series which appears in the Louisiana Methodist has provided most timely information for society and guild members. A schedule to cover the period from May 1st through September 30th, 1971 was prepared and mailed to all Conference officers and to Mrs. Alfred Knox, the Women's editor, of Louisiana Methodist in March.

PLAN FOR MERGER

Mrs. McGowan announced that the ceremony of merger at the Annual Conference will be the night of June 1st in the Dome Stadium at Centenary College. Every district will be organized by the church before the district society can organize. The district committees on nominations will be members from Conferences A and B. It is suggested that the week of October 11th be set aside for Women's Society district organizational meetings. Natchitoches District will have a chairman to serve temporarily for their organizational meeting.

TREASURERS' TENURE OF OFFICE

Secretary read letters Mrs. McGowan had written to Miss Florence Little, Treasurer of the Women's Division, and the letter of reply from Miss Little concerning the treasurers' tenure of office of Louisiana's present set-up. It was Miss Little's opinion that treasurers should leave office immediately after the election of new officers.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Presented two recommendations concerning the tenure of conference and district treasurers. The recommendations were approved by the Executive Committee. Refer to the minutes.

A discussion pertaining to the tenure of all society officers was held. Mrs. Kirkpatrick moved that the business be deferred until after a recess. By common consent the motion carried.

The committee reconvened.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick moved that the Conference President be authorized to send the following recommendation to the Women's Division: "That the Conference Bylaws be changed to allow that where conference societies hold fall annual meetings, all officers assume their duties as of January 1 of the following year." Motion seconded by Mrs. Cayard. Carried.

FINANCIAL FILES

Mrs. McGowan appointed Mrs. Aycock and Mrs. Kirkpatrick to assist Mrs. Gardner in disposing of all unnecessary financial files before the annual meeting.

JURISDICTION DELEGATES

There will be six delegates elected at the annual meeting after merger. Two delegates are by office, the conference society president and the conference guild chairman. The remaining will be elected from conference officers.

NOMINEES TO THE BOARD OF MISSIONS

After merger three nominees and one alternate will be chosen for the possibility of one being chosen for membership on the Board of Missions.

1971 COOPERATIVE MISSION WEEKEND

July 24-25 at Centenary College promises to be a fine school. The committee was urged to promote good attendance.

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES

After the conference merger delegates will be elected to attend the 1972 General Conference to be in Atlanta, Georgia. A new bishop will be elected at the Jurisdictional conference in Houston.

Mrs. Chastain expressed her appreciation for the opportunity of attending the Assembly of Church Women United. Though it is impossible to give a detailed report of such a meeting where a call to action on many social changes was made there would be future occasions when her knowledge and experience could be shared.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Approved a recommendation concerning financial status after merger. The recommendation was accepted by the Executive Committee. Refer to the minutes.

EVALUATION REPORTS

Must be in to the president as soon after June 1st as possible.

REGIONAL SCHOOL 1971

Mrs. Bandel stated this year's program will be different and everyone should read all text books and other materials recommended to get the most out of the school at Mt. Sequoyah, June 14-18.

1971 NATIONAL SEMINAR

Will be held August 23-31 at the Center of Continuing Education at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. Mrs. Wallace moved that the Administrative Committee be authorized to select the three persons to go to the Seminar. By common consent motion carried. The committee was asked to submit their preference of persons to be chosen.

CHURCH STRUCTURE

Mrs. McGowan used posters to explain the church structure as it now exists and projected the possible changes in the future. This most informative analysis made all more knowledgeable of what is going on.

1972 ANNUAL MEETING

Mrs. McGowan stated that a church has invited the conference to meet in their church and asked for suggested date for this meeting. Mrs. Gardner moved that this authority be given the Committee on Place of Meeting to set the date after consultation with the church and Program Council calendar. Motion seconded by Mrs. Aycock. Carried.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Mrs. David Cathcart, Women's Division staff member, has been appointed Regional Director of the Nashville area. Mrs. McGowan will attend a meeting in Nashville May 13-14.

REPORT ON PROJECTS

DULAC COMMUNITY CENTER

Mrs. Chrisman stated Mr. Jim Bopp had been appointed director of Dulac and has a very fine program in progress. Many local people are involved. Much in the way of supplies is needed, but the efforts with what is available are accomplishing great results. One-day health clinics are being conducted.

SAGER BROWN SCHOOL

Operates on a 12-month basis to seek to provide for students an atmosphere in which they may grow socially, spiritually and academically. Leaflets were distributed.

BUSINESS GIRLS' INN

Mrs. Kirkpatrick reported the program at the Inn is changing. A vocational program to teach high school drop-outs is in progress. These students will be placed there by the Vocational Department of the Caddo Department of Education. A teacher will be furnished by the Board and \$8,000.00 has been provided for audio visual equipment. This is a community service, a center for girls of special needs.

MacDONELL COMMUNITY CENTER

Has just observed its spring Open House Day. Approximately 300 guests and interested persons were present to help make the celebration a successful one. Mr. Bridges, director, has a full-time program in operation.

ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY CENTER

Is meeting many needs in that area. The team of U.S.2's have added much to the program, projects and activities at the Center.

PEOPLES' METHODIST COMMUNITY CENTER

Miss Alston reported the Center is meeting a great need where working mothers leave their children. There are eight Day Care Centers in operation. Classes are conducted 3 nights each week for mothers to learn to improve their looks, to study nutrition, child care and many other living habits. New By-Laws are being written and new equipment and enlargement of buildings are being provided.

Mrs. McGowan closed the meeting with prayer.

12:30 p.m. — meeting adjourned.

Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Secretary
Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, President

Journal Committee:

Mrs. I. W. Rowland
Mrs. Walter H. Brock

Approved by the Executive Committee September 22, 1971

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 22, 1971

The Administrative Committee of Louisiana Conference A Women's Society of Christian Service was polled by mail May 22, 1971 regarding selection of three persons, as delegates, to attend the 1971 Cooperative National Workshop to be held in Lincoln, Nebraska, August 23-31, 1971 at the University of Nebraska.

The three persons selected by the committee were: Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, Mrs. R. E. Carter and Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick.

Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Secretary
Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, President

Approved by the Executive Committee September 22, 1971.

May 24, 1971

The Administrative Committee of Louisiana Conference A Women's Society of Christian Service was polled May 24, 1971 by mail with regards to the following telegram received from Mrs. Eunice Harrington, President of the Women's Division: "The Women's Division urges each Conference Women's Society and Guild to join the Women's Division in support of Set-The-Date-Now Interreligious Campaign to end the war by sending at least one woman to Washington, D.C., on June 8. The purpose is to express our moral and Christian conviction to our elected representatives to end the war that takes lives daily in Indochina."

The decision by the committee was not to send a woman to Washington to participate in the Set-The-Date-Now Interreligious Campaign.

Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Secretary
Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, President

Approved by the Executive Committee September 22, 1971

MINUTES OF THE JULY 19, 1971 CALLED MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CENTENARY COLLEGE CAMPUS

The Executive Committee of Louisiana Conference A Women's Society of Christian Service met in a called meeting at 9:30 p.m. in the Library at James Dormitory on Centenary College Campus, July 19, 1971.

Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, president, presided and opened the meeting with prayer.

Those present were: Mesdames Charles B. McGowan, Carl Gallaher, W. B. Gardner, L. C. Aycock, R. E. Carter, Gilbert Bandel, George Chastain, Jr., Robert Compton, Robert H. Brupbacher, Jr., Jesse Porter, T. D. Wallace, Walter Brock, and Miss Mildred Evans.

Mrs. McGowan stated the matters to be considered were:

1. The expenses of the three persons to attend the Cooperative National Workshop, Lincoln, Nebraska.
2. A delegate to the Board of Missions, October, 1971, Milwaukee.
3. Two delegates to attend the Legislative Affairs Project, Washington, D.C., March 6-9, 1972.
4. Youth delegate to the World Methodist Conference in Denver requests financial assistance for the trip.

Louisiana Conference A had budgeted \$600.00 to defray expenses of the three persons to the Workshop in Nebraska. It was learned that Louisiana Conference would have to pay \$150.00 per person to the travel pool. Rooms will be \$7.00 to \$12.00 per person per day. The total expense per person would amount to about \$350.00.

Mrs. Gallaher moved that the request to increase the amount already budgeted by \$450.00, be referred to the Committee on Finance. Motion seconded by Miss Evans. Motion carried.

Mrs. McGowan reported that the meeting of the Board of Missions, October, 1971 would be held in Milwaukee. The deadline for sending in the name of the incoming president is August 15, 1971.

Miss Evans moved that the name of the new president be sent in and asked that she be

able to attend the board meeting. Motion seconded by Mrs. Bandel. Motion carried.

The Legislative Affairs Project in Washington, D.C., would be March 6-9, 1972. Reservations for two persons from each conference must be in by September 1971. The Women's Division will pay transportation of delegates. The tuition and board for the four-day session will be \$60.00 per person.

Mrs. Carter moved that two persons from Louisiana Conference Women's Society participate in the Legislative Affairs Project in Washington, D.C., March 6-9, 1972. Motion seconded by Mrs. Porter. Motion carried.

Mrs. McGowan read a letter from Lewis Everett, Trinity United Methodist Church, Alexandria, who had been chosen to attend the World Methodist Conference August 18, 1971 in Denver and asked for financial help from the Conference Society.

Mrs. Gallaher moved that this request to help defray expenses of Mr. Everett be referred to the Committee on Finance. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Chastain. Motion carried. Committee adjourned.

Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Secretary
Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, President

Approved by the Executive Committee September 22, 1971.

CALLED MEETING, JULY 21, 1971

The called meeting of the Louisiana Conference A Women's Society of Christian Service was held July 21, 1971 at 6:00 p.m. in the Centenary Room of the cafeteria on Centenary College campus during the dinner hour.

Those present were: Mesdames McGowan, Gallaher, Aycock, Gardner, Carter, Bandel, Chastain, Compton, Kirkpatrick, Thomas, Brock, Brupbacher, Young, Porter, Goodwin, Walker, Chrisman, Hansard, and Miss Evans.

Mrs. McGowan, president, presided and made the three following announcements:

1. Those persons who were selected by the Administrative Committee to attend the National Workshop were: Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, Mrs. R. E. Carter, and Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick.

2. The Administrative Committee voted not to send a representative to the Set-The-Date-Now Interreligious Campaign, Washington, June 8.

3. Flowers were sent to Bishop Walton when he went home from the hospital, from the Executive Committee. Mrs. McGowan had received a letter of appreciation from Bishop Walton.

Mrs. McGowan appointed three members of a committee to go through all School of Christian Mission files to determine what information to be kept that would be of value in planning future Schools. The members are Mesdames Chastain, Bandel and Kirkpatrick.

Mrs. McGowan appointed the following committee on honoring the retiring officers, Mesdames Gardner, Chairman; Gallaher, Thomas, Aycock, and G. W. Dameron.

Mrs. Gardner, Chairman of Committee on Finance, asked Mrs. Hansard to read the following recommendations from the committee:

1. That \$450.00 be added to expense money for attendance of three persons at National Seminar. (Mrs. Gardner moved the adoption of recommendation one. Motion seconded by Mrs. Chastain. Motion carried.)

2. That the \$25.00 per person set aside for up to four youth to attend the Jurisdiction

Youth Mission Enterprise at Mt. Sequoyah be directed toward the expenses of Lewis Everett, from Trinity United Methodist Church, Alexandria, La., selected by Bishop Walton to attend the World Methodist Conference in Denver. (Mrs. Gardner moved the adoption of recommendation two. Motion seconded by Mrs. Gallaher. Motion carried.)

The expense of the two persons who would attend the Legislative Affairs Project in Washington would be put in the 1972 budget.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, distributed copies of the revised Constitution and By-Laws as they would be presented to the Annual Conference Society at the meeting. Mrs. Kirkpatrick requested that each member study and be prepared to accept or reject these presentations during meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Secretary
Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, President

Approved by the Executive Committee September 22, 1971.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Baton Rouge, Louisiana
September 22, 1971

The Executive Committee Meeting of the Louisiana Conference A Women's Society of Christian Service was convened at 1:45 p.m. Wednesday, September 22, 1971 in the Educational Building of Broadmoor United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, with Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, president, presiding. The opening session was preceded by meetings of various committees on Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning.

The meditation Mrs. McGowan gave was a review of one of the goals she had endeavored to reach during her years as president; that of a sincere concern for each other and a concern for the group as a whole. Her hope that there would continue to exist the lasting Christian fellowship among the members in the future. She closed with a poem from "Too Busy to Pray."

Roll Call by the secretary indicated the following were present: Mesdames Charles B. McGowan, Carl Gallaher, L. C. Aycock, W. B. Gardner, R. E. Carter, Gilbert Bandel, George M. Chastain, Jr., Robert Compton, T. L. James, T. C. Young, S. B. Evans, Jr., Walter H. Brock, Robert H. Brupbacher, Jr., Sam Clay, Jr., L. L. Freeman, Jr., Louie Chrisman, John Willis, Jesse R. Porter, Leo Hoffpauir, Lucille Goodwin, J. Herbert Walker, Edgar E. Cayard, J. D. Hansard, Jr., I. W. Rowland, F. E. Kennon, T. E. Kirkpatrick and Miss Mildred Evans. By common consent the secretary was instructed to send cards to those absent.

Communications were read by the secretary from Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, Mr. Tom Matheny and Miss Barbara Campbell.

Committees appointed by the president were as follows: Journal, Mrs. Gardner and Mrs. Chrisman; Courtesy, Mesdames Rowland, Walker and Goodwin.

The minutes to the Executive Committee Meeting April 28-29; the Administrative Committee May 22 and May 24; the Called Executive Committee Meetings July 19 and July 21 had been previously edited and mailed to each member of the committee. A correction was made in July 21 minutes. Mrs. Aycock moved the acceptance of the minutes as corrected. Motion seconded by Mrs. Gardner. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Mrs. Cayard, Chairman, reported that much thought and prayer had been given by members of the committee, composed of members from Conferences A and B, in an effort to present the best slate of nominees to the merged conference. The list of nominees was read.

COMMITTEE ON ELECTION

Co-chairmen, Mrs. Inez W. Chrisentery and Mrs. W. H. Robert. Tellers, Alexandria: Distributing, Mrs. Ted Hammond; Counting, Mrs. Maurice Davis. Baton Rouge: Distributing, Mrs. Hal Ginn; Counting, Mrs. A. N. Fenn. Hammond: Distributing, Mrs. C. R. McKaskle; Counting, Mrs. George Riley. Lafayette: Distributing, Mrs. B. E. Fox; Counting, Mrs. Earl Warner. Lake Charles: Distributing, Mrs. Curtis Carlin; Counting, Mrs. Coy Duplechain. Monroe: Distributing, Mrs. Ferrell Earl; Counting, Mrs. W. R. Olsen. Natchitoches: Distributing, Mrs. S. B. Evans. New Orleans: Distributing, Mrs. Robin Jakway; Counting, Mrs. C. P. Besse. Ruston: Distributing, Mrs. M. S. Odell; Counting, Mrs. F. E. Kennon. Shreveport: Distributing, Mrs. Irma Green Jackson; Counting, Mrs. L. G. Thomas.

ELECTIONS

The three types of elections to take place at the Annual Meeting were discussed. (1) Election of conference officers. (2) Election of six delegates and two reserve delegates to the Jurisdiction Society/Guild. (3) Three nominees to the Board of Missions.

The newly elected president will attend the Board of Missions meeting October 20-30 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The next Jurisdiction Society/Guild meeting will be March 17-18, 1972 in Palestine, Texas.

WORLD METHODIST CONFERENCE

Mrs. McGowan attended the World Methodist Conference held in Denver in August, 1971. Excerpts from a number of interesting speakers were played from a taped recording.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Mrs. Kennon gave a brief report of a church tour in which she and Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick participated. Special highlights of the trip to India was the Centennial Celebration at Isabella Thoburn College and Clara Swain Hospital.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Chairman, stated the By-Laws and Standing Rules for the conference, districts, and local societies would be presented to the delegation of the Merged Conference to be voted on.

FINANCIAL FILES

Mrs. Gardner, Chairman, reported her committee had examined all reports that had accumulated for many years and determined that only those reports of the Women's Society/Guild would be of value to keep.

District Organizational Meetings were listed as following:

Alexandria— October 15 — First Church, Alexandria	1:00 — 3:00 p.m.
Baton Rouge— October 14 — University, Baton Rouge	9:30 — 11:30
Hammond — October 13 — First Church, Hammond	9:30 — 11:30
Lafayette — October 12 — First Church, New Iberia	9:30 — 12:30
Lake Charles — October 12 — St. Lukes, Lake Charles.....	9:30 — 11:30
Monroe -- October 13 — St. Paul, Monroe.....	9:30 — 12:00
Natchitoches — October 18 — First Church, Natchitoches	9:30 — 11:30
New Orleans— October 15 — Dillard University, New Orleans	9:00 — 12:00
Ruston — October 13 — Grace, Ruston.....	9:30 — 12:30
Shreveport — October 14 — First Church, Shreveport	9:30 — 11:30

The Committee recessed at 5:30 for dinner in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Barry Bailey, host pastor and wife. The dinner was a courtesy of Broadmoor Women's Society.

Wednesday Evening

The Committee reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

THE COMMITTEE ON HONORING THE BISHOP

Mrs. Kirkpatrick reported the plans to honor Bishop and Mrs. Aubrey G. Walton is a dinner at First United Methodist Church, Shreveport, on Wednesday night during 1972 Annual Conference.

ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

Mrs. Chastain, Chairman, expressed her appreciation to all who had assisted in any way and especially those of First Church for their cooperation in helping to bring the program to a realization.

PLEDGE SERVICE

Mrs. Gardner, treasurer, thanked Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Burks for their creative assistance in planning and implementing the Pledge Service.

COMMENT SERIES

Mrs. McGowan asked the committee to express their feeling of value for these series. It was the consensus of opinion that this means of communication of conference officers was beneficial to the district and local societies.

DISTRICT OFFICER TRAINING

Newly elected conference officers will conduct the training of district officers at Horseshoe Drive United Methodist Church in Alexandria, November 16, 1971. Outgoing conference officers may be asked to attend as resource persons. Letters and registration cards will be sent to all district presidents to be distributed to the newly elected district officers at the organizational meetings.

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION 1972

Mrs. Bandel, Dean, reported that the faculty was almost complete and plans are in the making. Letters of appreciation from 1971 teachers had been received.

NATIONAL SEMINAR

Mesdames Bandel, Kirkpatrick and Carter attended the National Seminar held at Kellogg Center at the University of Nebraska. They showed slides and shared their experiences with the group of Christian women whose goal was to examine the world and understand the values to sustain it and to seek what they could do about it. Each expressed appreciation for this wonderful opportunity to increase their knowledge of how the church is meeting these changing times.

The Committee adjourned at 8:30 p.m. A friendship circle was formed and Mrs. Bandel dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Secretary
Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, President

Journal:

Mrs. W. B. Gardner
Mrs. Louie Chrisman

POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

September 24, 1971

The Post Executive Committee Meeting was called into session at 2:45 p.m., September 24, 1971 in the Educational Building of the First United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, during which time a buffet luncheon was served.

Mrs. McGowan, the retiring president, expressed her appreciation to everyone for all the help she had received and all that had been done in the work of the conference during her administration.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick, the newly elected president, stated, "We would not be here and we would have no reason to be here were it not for the work of these outgoing officers. We will not be here without their continued support in the work."

The Committee adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick called the newly elected officers into session. An orientation period followed with each outgoing conference officer and her newly elected counterpart.

Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Secretary
Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, President

Journal:

Mrs. W. B. Gardner
Mrs. Louie Chrisman

P R O G R A M
WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE
Louisiana Conference A
Teach Us To Build

Thursday, September 23, 1971
*"We would be building; Master, let thy plan
 Reveal the life that God would give to man."*

1:15	Organ Prelude -- "Now Thank We All Our God"	Mrs. Walter Brock, Organist
	Theme Hymn.....	Words inside program cover
	Scripture and Prayer.....	Mrs. George Chastain
	Convening of Meeting.....	Mrs. C. B. McGowan
	Welcome and Introductions.....	Mrs. Chris Hall
	Business	
	Message.....	Mrs. Edward Brandhorst

Coffee Break

Favorite Hymn Time	
Report of Wesleyan Service Guild.....	Miss Mildred Evans
Introduction of Project Directors	Members of each board
President's Message.....	Mrs. C. B. McGowan
Recognition of Retiring Officers.....	Mrs. George Dameron
Favorite Hymn Time	
Benediction	Rev. James Humphreys

— INTERMISSION —

Join in the "Sing-In" in the Church Parlor --
 First Church Folk Choir, directed by Mrs. Earl Redding

6:00	Dinner	Church Gymnasium
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EVENING SERVICE, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
Joint Session, Louisiana Conferences A and B

*"Teach us to build; upon the solid rock
 We set the dream that hardens into deed"*

7:30	Organ Prelude -- "Improvisation No. 1"	Mr. Melvin Ballard, Organist
	Favorite Hymn Time	
	Scripture and Prayer.....	Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr.
	Special Music.....	The Motet Choir, First United Methodist Chrch, Dr. Earl Redding, Director
	"Come, Holy Spirit" -- Littleton	
	"The Church Within Us" -- Schneider-Hustad	
	"Blest Be Thy Name" -- Roff	
	"Forth In Thy Name" -- David Williams	
	Offering for missions	
	Doxology -- Congregation will rise and remain standing	
	Favorite Hymn of the Louisiana Conference Women's Society	
	Message.....	Dr. Tracey K. Jones, Jr.
	Favorite Hymn	
	Benediction	Dr. D. L. McGuire

JOURNAL OF THE THIRD ANNUAL MEETING of the WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE A

Baton Rouge, Louisiana
September 23, 1971

Thursday

The Third Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference A Women's Society of Christian Service of the United Methodist Church was convened at 1:15 p.m., September 23, 1971 in the First United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with the president, Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, presiding.

The opening scripture and prayer was given by Mrs. George M. Chastain, Jr., followed by the singing of the theme hymn, "We Would Be Building."

Mrs. Chris Hall, president of the host society, extended a warm welcome to all delegates and visitors. She introduced Mrs. Marcus L. Burks, the General Chairman for the meeting, who presented the local committee.

Mrs. Chastain, Chairman of Committee on Annual Meeting Program, presented the program with the theme, "Teach Us To Build." Because of the death of the father of Mrs. Dana Dawson, Jr., the Reverend David Dykes, Associate Pastor of the host church, participated on the program in behalf of Dr. Dawson.

Mrs. McGowan introduced Mrs. Paul Arrington, of Jackson, Mississippi, former vice president of the Woman's Division, who had come to attend this Louisiana historic merger meeting.

TREASURER'S 1970 REPORT

Mrs. W. B. Gardner, Treasurer, submitted the following:

Pledge to Mission 1970	\$158,071.00
Conference Budget 1970.....	13,300.00
Amount sent to W.D. on Pledge to Mission	158,071.00
W.S.C.S.	\$120,251.90
W.S.G.	20,709.08
TOTAL	<u>\$140,960.98</u>
Amount Conference lacked meeting 1970 Pledge	\$ 17,110.02
Call to Prayer	\$ 4,901.50
World Mission.....	169.90
National Mission.....	2,431.27
L.M.C.F.....	1,571.23
Cultivation	2,406.17
Assembly Offering.....	933.30

Mrs. Gardner moved the adoption of her report. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. McGowan read the following recommendation that was submitted by the Committee on Finance, approved by the Conference Executive Committee and adopted by the Conference Society March 18, 1971: "That authority be granted the Conference Executive Committee, upon recommendation of the Committee on Finance, the necessary expenditure of funds for the operation of the Conference Women's Society during the period from January 1, 1971 until such time as a budget for 1971 may be approved by a meeting of the Conference Society."

Mrs. Gardner presented the recommendations for 1971 as had previously been recommended by the Committee on Finance and adopted by the Executive Committee:

1. That the Pledge to Missions for 1971 be.....	\$147,894.00
That the Conference Budget for 1971 be.....	13,650.00
	<u>\$161,544.00</u>

That the District Pledges to Conference be as follows:

Alexandria.....	\$15,475.00	Monroe.....	\$20,613.00
Baton Rouge.....	15,250.00	New Orleans.....	24,000.00
Hammond.....	6,500.00	Ruston.....	18,189.00
Lafayette.....	13,146.00	Shreveport.....	27,000.00
Lake Charles.....	21,371.00		

2. That the Conference Budget for 1971 be as follows:

Office Expense	\$1,400.00
Annual Meeting	1,700.00
Mid-Year Executive Meeting.....	1,000.00
Regional School of Christian Mission.....	800.00
Conference School of C. M.	1,700.00
Jurisdiction Cultivation	650.00
Jurisdiction Meetings.....	500.00
Annual Reports	1,500.00
Youth Work (Conference Pro. Council)	600.00
Cooperative Meetings.....	550.00
Church Women United	50.00
District Officers Training.....	500.00
Miscellaneous.....	400.00
Wesleyan Service Guild.....	2,300.00

3. That the Louisiana Conference "A" Women's Society of Christian Service be represented at the following meetings during 1971. That a designated amount up to the amount listed for each meeting be allowed for expenses:

A. Action-reflection Seminar	\$ 200.00
B. Church Women United Assembly	300.00
C. Co-operative Workshop (3 persons) (travel-pool — Division)	
D. World Federation of Methodist Women — Denver — August 1971	400.00

4. That \$25.00 each be allowed for up to four (4) student delegates who attend the 1971 Jurisdictional Youth Ministry Enterprises at Mt. Sequoyah.

5. That each district society allow expense for the District Chairman of Christian Social Relations to attend the 1971 Briefing Conference of Christian Social Concerns at Mt. Sequoyah, and, that if needed, each district's expenses be supplemented by the Conference Society in the amount of \$15.00.

6. That \$25.00 be given to the 1971 week-end Cooperative School of Christian Mission.

7. That up to \$300.00 be allowed for a Conference Youth Work Camp to be used only on an emergency basis. This request is based on the provision that the Work Camp be financially self-supporting.

After each recommendation had been individually approved, Mrs. Gardner moved the

acceptance of the report as a whole. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Gardner read the following recommendations from the Committee on Finance which had been approved by the Executive Committee:

1. That the Annual Meeting offering be given in honor of Bishop and Mrs. Walton.

2. That the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) be sent to the library at Scarritt College, in honor of Mrs. Virginia Laskey, the money to be taken from the funds in Rapides Saving and Loan Association.

3. That the balance in Rapides Saving and Loan Association be equally divided among the following six (6) Louisiana Projects:

1. Sager Brown School
2. Dulac Community Center
3. MacDonell Methodist Center
4. St. Mark's Community Center
5. Business Girls' Inn
6. People's Community Center

4. That from the excess of 1970 Cultivation Fund (\$3,457.46) the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) be sent as PLEDGE TO MISSION. The remainder to be used for promotional and educational work in the Louisiana Conference after merger.

Mrs. Gardner moved the acceptance of the recommendations as a whole, after they had been separately adopted. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. McGowan appointed these committees: Journal, Mrs. Gardner and Mrs. Louie Chrisman. Courtesy, Mrs. I. W. Rowland, Mrs. Lucille Goodwin, and Mrs. F. E. Kennon.

Mrs. McGowan introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Edward Brandhorst, St. Louis, Missouri, president of the South Central Jurisdiction Society/Guild.

The subject of Mrs. Brandhorst's address was, "Women of the Seventies." In a brief statement concerning projects that were pioneered by women and have lasted through the years were in areas of education and health. These ingredients that helped to make the work the success that it is today should not be given up; but we should strive to maintain them in our coming together in merger. After the purpose of the Women's Society and Guild was read, Mrs. Brandhorst said, we are, indeed, growing in experience and accepting challenges. Each person present is unique and working for the betterment of womanhood. The seventies could be an era of hope. This age needs stabilizing and should be a time for finding of life, realignment of relationships, courage to act and a need for compassion. A new decade is opened unto us. We must continue to seek to try to understand the world, accept responsibility toward the world and accept responsibility in broader dimensions.

Coffee Break

Favorite hymn time was led by Mrs. Claude Hollis.

Mrs. McGowan presented Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman of Wesleyan Service Guild, whose report has been filed and will appear in the Journal of the Wesleyan Service Guild in the Annual Report.

Directors of projects in Louisiana Conference were introduced by a member of their Board. Mrs. T. L. James introduced Mrs. Chaney B. Morse, Sager-Brown School, Baldwin. Mrs. Gilbert Bandel introduced Mr. G. Jerry Bridges, MacDonell Methodist Center, Houma. Mrs. Louie Chrisman introduced Mr. Jim Bopp, Dulac Community Center, Dulac. Mrs. Carl

Gallagher introduced Miss Louise Sharp, St. Mark's Community Center, New Orleans. Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick introduced Reverend Les Thompson, The Inn, Shreveport. Reverend W.S.P. Norris, Peoples' Methodist Community Center, New Orleans, was not present.

Mrs. Gallagher presented Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, retiring president, who has served the Conference so ably for five and a half years. The title of Mrs. McGowan's address was, "It Only Takes a Spark."

IT ONLY TAKES A SPARK

For me, this is the point of no return. This is the last Annual Meeting over which I shall preside. My tenure in office has been one of joy, of stimulation and challenge, of growth and service. I owe so much to so many — the loving cooperation of my husband, the ministers and staff of this church, my own Women's Society and Guild, the District Society and Guild, the Conference Executive Committee, to each of you, and to Conference B women.

The many opportunities that have come my way through the years as your president may be likened to the weaving of a pattern in a piece of cloth. I could not see what would happen as it was woven, for it was woven on the wrong side of the loom. As I have come to the end of my term of office, the design becomes visible and only needs the finishing touches of the threads of this meeting to be completed. There are depths of softly shaded strands of happenings that splashed lights and shadows; there were rich themes from meetings that merged into a beautiful and intricate pattern of thought, reflections and knowledge, an ever widening insight to the complex workings of the general church. Your friendships have been rays of sunshine piercing the rich hues and making them brighter and clearer. Yes, — when I present this gavel to another person, I hope that she, too, may have a cloth of such beauty in memories as mine is.

Picture with me two automobiles parked side by side. The owners get in the cars. One starts, the other doesn't. Have you ever had this happen to you? The man whose car responded to the spark necessary to engage the motor of the car in action, had a cable booster in his car. A booster only costs a dollar. With this, he uses the power from his own car to get the motor of the other car started. There is a spark — and it only takes a spark to release the power of the motor of the second car.

How often are we the spark that brings Hope, Joy, and even Life itself to another?

Through the years many of you have set the spark burning for me and have given me the energy, purpose and desire to carry on the program of the Women's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild. Sometimes it has been a note, a postal card, a telephone call, a spoken word, a prayer that has released in me the power to redirect my thinking and actions.

Winds of change for renewal

Around the world the winds of change are softly but persistently and insistently battering old structures which are familiar to us. These winds are swirling through the church. Many predicted changes have come to pass and probably more will come. Some of us have been pessimistic, some optimistic, but few of us have questioned the church's ultimate survival. Today, many are reaffirming that faith. Some are viewing these changes as renewal and others are viewing it as apostasy. Our disagreement seems to hinge on whether persons see the church and the Women's Society/Guild as a body or organization at rest, or as a body in motion. It hinges, too, on whether they define it as a comfortable edifice, or what happens in the hearts of persons who gather inside; whether concentration should be on the individual's spiritual growth or on efforts expanded to active involvement with pressing social problems.

In our Women's Society/Guild, change is necessary. Sometimes it is for good; sometimes it has proven a detriment, but often there has been in this change a spark that has set ablaze a fire in our hearts and a desire to achieve great things that would not have happened if an idea had not been implanted which caused a change.

When we think of the great program of missions which started from the interest of a few women 102 years ago, we see what can happen from a spark of interest in sending women into the mission field, — such as women who went from America to start the Clara Swain Hospital and Isabella Thoburn School in India.

How will we meet the challenges of our times? Will it be with apathy, with courage and risk, with faith that God is at work in our midst, with joy and celebration?

Harvey Cox in "Feast of Fools" says that we have lost the joy of celebration; that there is an unnecessary gap in today's world between the world changers and the life celebrators. He has said that there is no reason why those who celebrate life cannot also be committed to fundamental social change, and that world changers need not be joyless and ascetic. He went on to say that St. Francis of Assisi, the most life affirming of the Christian saints, was a revolutionary at heart. His prayer which we use over and over is one in which change is the motif.

Women have spirit of concern and celebration

Perhaps one reason why the organizations of Methodist women have spread across the world is that there has been at the heart of the purpose a concern for other people, a spirit of celebration, and a joy that often springs from our little spark in the world. Big things do not come to pass because of the bringing into being of an idea by a great number of people. It starts with an individual, then a few, and then grows as these few spark the interest in others.

We have our doubts sometimes that we are moving in the right direction. Perhaps we have been looking into the wrong eyes. Dr. Paul Scherer, beloved Lutheran pastor in New York City, wrote once of the day when one of his laymen, greatly perturbed, burst into his study and began to enumerate the troubles in the world that had reduced him almost to distraction and despair. He was alarmed by what seemed like the irresistible spread of communism, merging nations out of control, the church expelled from countries that had once been her most fruitful mission fields, the ever present threat of thermo-nuclear war, the rapid growth of secularism, the moral deterioration at home, racial tensions, crime, the generation gap. Finally, looking with great emotion into Dr. Scherer's eyes, he blurted out: "Pastor, I see no hope at all." Dr. Scherer sat silently for a few moments, and then replied: "I don't blame you, John, for you're looking into my eyes. But I am looking into the eyes of Jesus — and that's the difference."

If we look into the eyes of Jesus, instead of assuming that we are the source of power, we'll have no more doubts, but will continue to move in faith, — to be the spark that will set the world afire with his message. May he continue to bless us in our endeavors as He gives us the power to be a spark in this world. It only takes a spark to get things going.

Mrs. McGowan introduced Mrs. George W. Dameron, former president of Louisiana Conference A Women's Society, who conducted a recognition service for the retiring officers. In her tribute to these women she said, "The work these officers have done will be recorded. No factual statistics will be recorded. Each has had a harvest of joy and increased in knowledge."

In front of the altar the following officers were presented membership pins: Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, a Sustaining Membership; Memberships were awarded Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Mrs. W. B. Gardner, Mrs. R. E. Carter, Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, Mrs. George M.

Chastain, Jr., Mrs. Robert Compton, Mrs. Edgar E. Cayard and Mrs. T. L. James.

Mrs. James Hutchinson, Registrar, reported a total of 233 had registered. These included 1 Jurisdiction officer, 26 Executive Committee members (11 Conference, 15 District), 4 Project Directors, 1 Special guest, 167 delegates, and 34 others.

The meeting adjourned, after which time Mrs. Earl Redding directed the First Church Folk Choir in a "Sing-In" in the church parlor. Guests were invited to join this activity.

Dinner was served in the church gymnasium by the host society at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday Evening

The joint meeting of Louisiana Conferences A and B Women's Society was held at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of First Church.

Following the organ prelude by Mr. Melvin Ballard and singing of favorite hymns the scripture from the twelfth chapter of Romans was read by the Reverend James Humphreys, Associate Pastor of First Church. The evening prayer was given by the Reverend David Dykes.

Under the direction of Dr. Earl Redding the Motet Choir furnished special music.

The offering was sent as a gift to missions in honor of Bishop and Mrs. Aubrey G. Walton.

The guest speaker, Dr. Tracey K. Jones, Jr., General Secretary of the United Methodist Board of Missions, was introduced by Mrs. McGowan.

Dr. Jones stimulated the thoughts of the assembly with such questions as, what really is the mission today? What is the aim of missions? What is it all about? What does it mean to us? Who is it that is involved in missions today? How do we understand the upheavals and changes? What do Methodists say of the times, that are relevant, in which we live?

Dr. Jones told of many executives and persons of great leadership who had volunteered to contribute their time and efforts to assist in the enterprise of missions. His inspiring message was a challenge to all who heard him.

Dr. D. L. McGuire, Baton Rouge District Superintendent, gave the benediction.

Friday Morning, September 24, 1971

**MERGER SESSION
LOUISIANA CONFERENCES A AND B**

*"O keep us building, Master; may our hands
Ne'er falter when the dream is in our hearts"*

- 8:15 Organ Prelude "The Heavens Declare the Glory of God"
"O Spirit Who Dost Bind Our Hearts in Unity"
Organist — Mrs. Walter Brock
- 8:30 Favorite Hymn Time
Morning Meditation Dr. L. L. Haynes
Favorite Hymn Time
Merger Ceremony Conference Officers
Report of Committee on Constitution and By-Laws
Business Mrs. C. B. McGowan
Miss Ethel Alston
Report of Committee on Nominations Mrs. Edgar Cayard
Election of Officers
Election of delegates to Jurisdiction Society/Guild
Election of nominees to Board of Missions
Place of Annual Meeting 1972
Coffee Break — Please return promptly
Favorite Hymn Time
Pledge Service Conference and District Treasurers
Installation of Officers Mrs. Edward Brandhorst
Favorite Hymn Time
Celebration of Holy Communion Dr. D. L. McGuire and local ministers
Theme Hymn
Benediction Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr.

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Baton Rouge, Louisiana
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Friday

The Merger Meeting of Louisiana Conferences A and B Women's Society of Christian Service convened at 8:15 a.m. in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on September 24, 1971.

Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, president of Conference A and Miss Ethel Alston, president of Conference B, presided over the Merger Session of the two Conferences.

The past presidents who were recognized were, Mrs. G. E. Laskey, Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Mrs. Inez W. Chrisentery and Mrs. Ruth C. Carter.

The morning meditation was given by Dr. L. L. Haynes, pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge.

The Merger Ceremony, "In Love and In Faith," was written by Mrs. George M. Chastain,

Jr. Retiring officers of the two Conferences who participated were: Mrs. McGowan, Miss Alston, Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Mrs. Ardelia Scott, Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Mrs. Albert Pulley, Mrs. W. B. Gardner, Mrs. Aldin Bynum, Mrs. R. E. Carter, Mrs. Albert Stevenson, Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, Mrs. A. C. Prophet, Mrs. George M. Chastain, Jr., Mrs. Althea Butler, Mrs. Robert Compton, Mrs. Armanda Durant, Miss Mildred Evans and Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas. The two readers in the service were Mrs. Marvin D. Roof, and Mrs. Inez W. Chrisentery.

MERGER CEREMONY

PROCESSIONAL:

Jesus, United By Thy Grace, No. 193

The congregation will stand during the processional.

READERS:

In love and in faith we have come to affirm our oneness in God and our unity in the Women's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild. We have come to break down the walls that divide us and make of them a solid foundation on which to base our plans as one organization, one mission, one future.

CHOIR:

(1st stanza, hymn 348)

On this stone now laid with prayer
Let thy Church rise, strong and fair;
Ever, Lord, thy name be known
Where we lay this corner-stone.

READER A:

(As presidents move first stone.)

And the Lord said, "The righteous is an everlasting foundation." (Prov. 10:25)

PRESIDENTS: (in unison)

In love and in faith we are called to serve and to give. We pray for vision to see possibilities, courage to face problems, a steadfast commitment to high purposes, tolerance toward intolerance, and creative ideas to build toward the future.

CONGREGATION:

We pledge ourselves to move out in new directions, to forget self-interest in our common concern for the growth of His kingdom, and to work in the assurance that the God who calls us will also give us strength for the task.

CHOIR:

(hymn 348, v. 2)

May thy spirit here give rest
To the heart by sin oppressed,
And the seeds of truth be sown
Where we lay this corner-stone.

READER B:

(As vice presidents move stones)

(Is. 58:12)

And the Lord said, "Thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, the repairer of the breach, the restorer of paths to dwell in."

VICE PRESIDENTS: (in unison)

In love and in faith we pledge ourselves to be loyal to the sacred truth revealed to holy men of old and transmitted to us by the sacred scriptures; to seek to know Him better and understand His will more fully.

CONGREGATION:

We commit ourselves to the love of His word; to rejoice in His service; to answer the new call to carry on the work of righteousness, of courage, of patience, and of loyalty to our unity.

CHOIR:

(hymn 348, v. 4)

By wise master builders squared,
Here be living stones prepared
For the temple near Thy throne
Jesus Christ, its corner-stone.

READER A:

(as secretaries move stones)

(Is. 28:16)

Therefore thus saith the Lord God, "Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation-stone, a tried stone, a precious corner-stone, a sure foundation."

SECRETARIES: (in unison)

In love and in faith we pledge anew the gifts of sensitivity, love and understanding with which God has enriched our lives. We will seek God's redemptive power for each of us in this new unity.

CONGREGATION:

Now as we move toward a new day we pray that with God's help we may all be one in spirit and in action.

CHOIR:

(hymn 347, v. 1)

All things are Thine; no gift have we,
Lord of all gifts, to offer Thee;
And hence with grateful hearts today,
Thine own before Thy feet we lay.

READER B:

(as treasurers move stones)

(Luke 6:48)

And the Lord said, "He is like a man which built a house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock."

TREASURERS: (in unison)

In love and in faith, we renew our faith to give to God not a part, but all of ourselves — our time, our talents, our love. We know that all our efforts, all materials with which we work, all our energies, and our very breath, come from Him, gifts from His holy love.

CONGREGATION:

Therefore may we, catching a bit of this love, in turn make our gifts — of money, of time, of energy, of concern, for to give is joy. In all our giving, we ask for Christ-like love to lead the way.

CHOIR:

(hymn 247, v. 2)

Thy will was in the builder's thought;
Thy hand unseen amidst us wrought;
Through mortal motive, scheme, and plan,
Thy wise, eternal purpose ran.

READER A:

(as Chairmen of Christian Social Relations move stones) — (Cor. 3:9)

For we are laborers together with God; ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

CHAIRMEN OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS (in unison):

In love and in faith, we dedicate what we are and what we may become to the fulfillment of God's mandate to all people as voiced through the prophets of old in the words, "Let justice roll down like the waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

CONGREGATION:

With renewed hope and with gratitude to God for this new oneness among us, we are determined through our united efforts to share more fully in building a structure within our conference with no walls of separation, but where all — together — seek peace with justice for mankind.

CHOIR:

(hymn 350, v. 1)

How blessed is this place, O lord,
Where thou are worshipped and adored;
In faith we here an altar raise
To thy great glory, God of praise!

READER B:

(as Chairmen of Missionary Education move stones) — (I Cor. 3:10)

According to the grace of God, which is given unto me, as a wise master-builder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how He buildeth thereupon.

CHAIRMEN OF MISSIONARY EDUCATION (in unison):

In love and in faith, we commit anew our united strength and insights to the promotion of new opportunities and experiences among the women of this new conference, directed toward generating greater understanding of the world's suffering and needs, and new challenges to a more worthy response.

CONGREGATION:

To this end we pray that God will renew our courage and baptize our witness and service with His spirit in these troubled times.

CHOIR:

(hymn 349, v. 1)

O living Christ, chief corner-stone
Of God's great temple thou;
As here with joy this stone we lay,
Vouchsafe thy presence now!

READER A:

(as Chairmen of Spiritual Growth move stones) — (I Cor. 3:11)

For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

CHAIRMEN OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH (in unison):

In love and in faith we will seek for fuller understanding of communication with the Divine and with one another. We pledge to risk all, to let ourselves go on the mercies of God, to tender our spirits by the love of God.

CONGREGATION:

We will seek for fellowship with Him, and pray that our lives and our world will be brought into the orbit of His will.

CHOIR:

(hymn 346, v. 1)

The Lord our God alone is strong;
His hands built not for one brief day;
His wondrous works, through ages long,
His wisdom and His power display.

READER B:

(as Secretaries of Program Materials move stones) — (Deut. 32:4)

He is the Rock, His work is perfect: for all His ways are judgment; a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is He.

SECRETARIES OF PROGRAM MATERIALS (in unison):

In love and in faith we pledge ourselves to press forward toward the prize of His high calling, and to cry aloud the message of salvation, that others may turn and face toward the light of His glory.

CONGREGATION:

We pray for help to do His will at all times, to lift clear voices in the crowd, and to stand firmly upon the Rock which is Christ our Lord.

CHOIR:

(hymn 48, v. 1)

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled!

READER A:

(as Chairmen of Wesleyan Service Guilds move stones) — (2 Tim. 3:19a)

Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are His.

CHAIRMEN OF WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILDS (in unison):

In love and in faith we pledge our united efforts to witness to his presence, to affirm God's faithfulness, to proclaim and demonstrate that all men are brothers, and to be servants in the service of mankind.

CONGREGATION AND ALL OFFICERS:

We pledge to each other patience and gentleness, love and compassion. With unwavering faith we offer our minds, our hearts, and our souls to His purpose for our world.

RECESSIONAL:

"They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love" (Congregation will rise.)

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick, chairman, stated that the committee composed of members from Conferences A and B had prepared the following report to be presented to the merging conference. The report should be used in conjunction with the publication of the Women's Division of the United Methodist Church, **The Constitution and By-Laws of the Women's Society of Christian Service**, revised October, 1970, which contains the complete Constitution and By-Laws of the local, district and Conference Societies.

The Report includes: (1) Standing Rules for local societies and portions of local By-Laws. (2) Portions of By-Laws for district societies. (3) Standing Rules for the Conference Society and portions of Conference By-Laws.

BY-LAWS OF THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

ARTICLE III — EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1. There shall be an Executive Committee composed of the elected officers, chairmen of committees and groups (circles, interest, or special task); the president, the coordinator and treasurer of each guild unit in the local church; members of the Women's Division, the Core Planning Group of the Jurisdiction Society/Guild, the Executive Committee of the Conference and District Societies who are members of the local society; and the pastor who may be a member. A majority shall constitute a quorum.

The Committee shall meet as needed to evaluate progress toward planned objectives and goals, and to consider future plans and projects, and shall submit recommendations to the society for action.

Vacancies occurring ad interim shall be filled by the Executive Committee upon nomination of the Committee on Nominations.

SECTION 2. In a society with minimum structure the Executive Committee shall assume the duties of the Committees on Program, Membership, Finance, and Local Church Responsibility.

SECTION 3. The Executive Committee may constitute from its membership an **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE** of five (5) to seven (7) members who shall meet at the call of the president to transact only emergency business in the interim between meetings of the society or its Executive Committee. It shall not change declared policy, the budget or incur indebtedness.

(For a complete listing of officers and committees and their responsibilities refer to the Women's Division Report or your **Handbook for the Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild.**)

ARTICLE V — NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. At the time all officers are elected, the society shall elect, for a three-year term, a Committee on Nominations composed of three (3) to five (5) members, one of whom shall be elected chairman by the society. The member of the committee elected chairman shall serve as chairman no more than one year; and, while serving in this capacity, shall be a member of the Executive Committee.

Membership on the Committee on Nominations shall be divided into classes with no member serving more than three (3) consecutive years.

SECTION 2. At the time of the elections the Committee on Nominations shall present, for the ensuing term, nominations of all elected leadership, and the Committee on Nominations.

SECTION 3. There shall be opportunity for nominations from the floor. Elections may be by acclamation or by ballot. A majority vote is sufficient for election.

SECTION 4. Elections shall be held annually in September. Those elected shall assume their duties on January 1.

SECTION 5. No officer shall hold the same office for more than four (4) consecutive years.

SECTION 6. Vacancies occurring ad interim in offices or among the chairmen shall be filled by the Executive Committee upon nomination of the Committee on Nominations.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

SECTION 1. The society shall meet regularly for its business and programs of study and action which should emphasize spiritual growth, education and motivation for mission and Christian social action.

As a part of a continuing program of education in, and promotion of, the vast concerns committed to United Methodist women, one meeting each year shall be devoted to the interpretation of plans, programs, and pledges for the year.

SECTION 2. The society may divide itself into smaller groups such as special task groups, interest groups, study groups, and/or circles, in order to provide greater opportunity for more individual study and involvement in action related to the PURPOSE of the society. Such groups may be organized for the duration of a specific purpose or for a specified length of time. The purpose and program of study and action of such groups shall be inherently related to the PURPOSE of the society. These groups shall meet as needed for effective implementation of such purposes. They shall be amenable to the Executive Committee.

SECTION 3. Regular meetings of the society shall include opportunities for corporate and/or individual worship, reports of officers and committees as needed, and programs planned to implement the PURPOSE of the society, using resources recommended by the Women's Division.

SECTION 4. A special meeting of the society may be called by the president with the approval of the Executive Committee. At such special meetings no business shall be transacted except that for which the meeting is called.

SECTION 5. A special meeting of the Executive Committee may be called by the president to consider business of importance.

STANDING RULES FOR LOCAL SOCIETIES

1. No new Society may be officially reported until a quarterly report has been sent by the treasurer of the new society to the district treasurer.
2. a. Since local, district and conference societies and guilds are the only source of support for the program and mission outreach of the Women's Division through the Board of Missions, financial support for projects which are the responsibility of the church as a whole should be supported by members of the Women's Societies and Guilds as individuals in the church rather than through the Women's Societies and Guild treasuries.

- b. It is against the policy of the Women's Division to release lists of officers to any organization or commercial firm.
3. All appeals for funds outside the institutions and agencies of the Board of Missions shall be referred to the Committee on Finance before being presented to the society.
4. Each society shall include in its budget the amount of twenty-five (25) cents per member for district cultivation. This shall be sent to the district treasurer at regular reporting periods.
5. An amount not to exceed three thousand (3,000) dollars for the entire conference, to be applied on the budget of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation, may be raised by local societies and guilds at the rate of twenty-five (25) cents per member. These designated funds are to be sent at reporting times to the district treasurers.
6. One-fourth of the membership of the society shall constitute a quorum for election of officers. A majority vote is sufficient for election.
7. Societies having the circle plan of organization shall shift the membership of circles at least every two (2) years.
8. a. Local societies shall be represented at the annual meeting of the conference society on the basis of one delegate for each one hundred (100) members, or major fraction thereof, provided every society, regardless of size, shall be entitled to at least one delegate.
b. Membership of each society will be determined according to the current Conference Annual Report, unless corrections are given to the conference president sixty (60) days in advance of the annual meeting.
9. Delegates from local societies to the annual meeting of the conference society shall make a report of the meeting to their societies at the earliest possible date, and shall make available materials distributed to the delegates.
10. A society may request its sub-district chairman to be its official delegate to the Annual meeting of the conference society. In such cases, the society shall assist with the expense involved, and the sub-district chairman shall make a report of the meeting to the society she represented. She shall be entitled to only one vote at the annual meeting.
11. District, conference, and jurisdiction Society/Guild elected leadership shall be members of the Executive Committee of the local society to which they belong. (Local By-Laws, Article III, Section 1).
12. Officers shall be elected in September. Those elected shall assume their duties on January 1 of the following year. No officer shall hold the same office for more than four (4) consecutive years. (Local By-Laws, Article V, Sections 4 and 5).
13. a. Thirty (30) days before the annual meeting of the district society, the secretary of the district shall send to each local society president registration-delegation cards for the meeting and instructions for their use.
b. Local societies shall be represented at the annual meeting of the district society on the basis of one delegate for each twenty-five (25) members or major fraction thereof, provided every society, regardless of size, shall be entitled to at least one delegate.

- c. The voting membership at an annual meeting of the district society shall be composed of the following persons: the delegates from the local societies and the members of the district executive committee (see Dist. By-Laws, Article II, Section 1).
14. In the event of the death of the treasurer of the local society, or the disability of such treasurer to the extent that she is unable to discharge the duties of said office, the president of the local society shall be authorized and empowered by the Administrative Committee (or the Executive Committee in local societies where there is no Administrative Committee) to draw and sign checks on behalf of said society.

BY-LAWS OF THE DISTRICT WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

ARTICLE II – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1. There shall be an **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** of the district society composed of the officers and chairmen of committees of the district society; members of the Women's Division and the Core Planning Group of the jurisdiction society-guild and members of the Executive Committee of the conference society residing within the district; and the district superintendent. Other members of the general Board of Missions residing within the district may be members ex-officio. A majority shall constitute a quorum.

This committee shall meet as needed and shall consider the advance plans projected by the conference society, make recommendations to the District Society for carrying forward these plans, and cooperate with the district Program Council or comparable body, to enable the society to assume its share of responsibility in the total church program. The committee shall determine the officer to be responsible for publicity.

Vacancies occurring ad interim in offices and chairmen of committees of the society shall be filled by the Executive Committee upon the nomination of the Committee on Nominations.

SECTION 2. The Executive Committee shall constitute from its membership an **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE** composed of the President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the District Society, who shall meet upon call of the president, to transact only emergency business in the interim between meetings of the Executive Committee. It shall not change declared policy, the budget or incur indebtedness.

ARTICLE III – COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. There shall be a **COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM** composed of the vice-president, who shall serve as chairman, the president, the secretary, the treasurer, the chairmen of the program areas for Christian social relations, missionary education, and spiritual growth, the secretary of program materials, and such other members as may be needed, named by the Executive Committee.

The committee shall be responsible for planning a program of information and inspiration in harmony with the **PURPOSE** at meetings of the district society. There shall be a continuing process of program evaluation.

SECTION 2. There shall be a **COMMITTEE ON FINANCE** composed of the treasurer of the district as chairman, the president, the vice-president, the secretary, the chairmen of the program areas for Christian social relations and missionary education, the chairmen of the Wesleyan Service Guild, and a limited number of other women, as the district may

determine, named by the Executive Committee.'

The committee shall meet at least semiannually, and on call of the chairman. It shall receive an annual cultivation budget request from the Wesleyan Service Guild of the district. It shall present an annual cultivation request for the district society and guild to the conference Committee on Finance.

The committee shall study the strength of the societies and guilds in the local churches and the pledges made; become informed as to district income and disbursements, local financial possibilities and problems; assist by counsel in the forming of the district pledge; prepare the cultivation budget for recommendation to the district society. In harmony with plans of the conference society and in cooperation with the Committee on Program, the Committee on Finance shall recommend to the society plans for financial interpretation and promotion and shall assign specific responsibilities to members of the committee for implementation of such plans.

Requests made to the district society for funds shall be referred by the society to the Committee on Finance for study in relation to the total responsibility of the district society and for recommendation to the society.

SECTION 3. There shall be a COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS, the number of members to be determined by the district society, elected in the annual meeting. The committee shall seek to find especially qualified women who may serve as the elected leadership and the Committee on Nominations. Every effort shall be made to insure full and adequate representation of the racial and cultural constituency as well as members of the united denominations. The committee shall submit these nominations to the society for election.

SECTION 4. Other committees for expansion of specific program areas or needed services for implementing the PURPOSE of the society may be named by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV — NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. The district society shall elect for a three-year term, a Committee on Nominations, one of whom shall be elected chairman by the society. The size of the committee shall be determined by the society. The member of the committee elected chairman shall serve as chairman no more than one year, and, while serving in this capacity, shall be a member of the Executive Committee irrespective of the tenure rule (SECTION 5 that follows).

Membership on the Committee on Nominations shall be divided into classes with no member serving more than three consecutive years.

SECTION 2. At the time of the elections the Committee on Nominations shall present, for the ensuing term, nominations of all elected leadership and the members of the Committee on Nominations. The elected leadership shall include a president, a vice-president, a secretary, a treasurer, chairmen of the program areas for Christian social relations, missionary education, and spiritual growth, and a secretary of program materials.

Only women residing within the bounds of the district, or who are members of churches within the bounds of the district, shall be elected.

SECTION 3. Elections shall take place in the annual meeting. There shall be opportunity for nominations from the floor, provided they are made by duly registered delegates and provided the person being nominated is eligible for the office and has given permission for her name to be placed in nomination. Election may be by acclamation or by ballot. A

majority vote is sufficient for election.

SECTION 4. Those elected shall assume their duties immediately.

SECTION 5. a. Officers shall be elected for a two-year term with the privilege of election to the same office for one additional term.

b. Tenure on the Executive Committee for the elected leadership of the district society shall be limited to a total of eight years unless a woman is elected to serve as district president after having served the eight year tenure.

c. One year or more of an unexpired term shall constitute a full term.

SECTION 6. Vacancies occurring in the elected leadership of the society shall be filled by the Executive Committee upon the nomination of the Committee on Nominations.

SECTION 7. At an Executive Committee meeting of the district society, at least six months preceding the Assembly, representation as determined by the Women's Division shall be elected to the Assembly.

SECTION 8. a. Districts may be divided into sub-districts.

b. A chairman for each sub-district shall be elected at a time that will enable her to be installed with the elected leadership of the district society.

c. The method of selecting nominees for sub-district chairmen shall be determined by the district society.

d. The number of sub-district meetings to be held during the year and the emphases for such meetings shall be recommended by the district executive committee.

e. An offering may be taken at each meeting of the sub-district. The chairman of the sub-district may deduct any necessary expenses of the meeting before remittance is made to the district treasurer.

ARTICLE V – FUNDS

SECTION 1. The district society shall make an annual pledge to the Women's Division.

SECTION 2. Funds for district cultivation shall be provided by the conference society.

ARTICLE VI – DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

SECTION 1. Thirty (30) days before the annual meeting of the district society, the secretary of the district shall send to each local society president registration-delegation cards for the meeting and instructions for their use.

SECTION 2. Local societies shall be represented at the annual meeting of the district society on the basis of one delegate for each twenty-five (25) members or major fraction thereof, provided every society, regardless of size, shall be entitled to at least one delegate.

SECTION 3. The voting membership at an annual meeting of the district society shall be composed of the following persons: the delegates from the local societies and the members of the district executive committee (see District By-Laws Article II Section 1 of this report).

BY-LAWS OF THE CONFERENCE WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

ARTICLE II — EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1. There shall be an Executive Committee of the conference society composed of the officers and chairmen of committees; members of the Women's Division and Core Planning Group of the jurisdiction society-guild residing within the conference; the president of each district society; the bishop of the area; the retiring conference president, who may serve for one year, at her own discretion; the conference historian; and the following ex-officio members without vote: the district treasurers and the wife of the resident bishop, who shall be an honorary vice president. Other persons specifically related to the work of the conference may be added as determined by the society. Other members of the General Board of Missions residing within the conference may be members ex-officio. A majority shall constitute a quorum.

(NOTE: See Standing Rule No. 3 of the Women's Division for the provision made by the Division to defray expenses of Division members to attend one Executive Committee meeting a year.)

The committee shall be the coordinating group for the total educational and promotional program in the conference as described in the Constitution of the society, and cooperate with the annual conference Program Council to enable the society to assume its share of responsibility in the total church program. The committee shall determine the officer to be responsible for publicity.

Vacancies occurring ad interim in offices or chairmen of committees of the society shall be filled by the Executive Committee upon the nomination of the Committee on Nominations.

SECTION 2. The Executive Committee shall constitute from its membership an Administrative Committee, composed of five officers, who shall meet on call of the president to transact only emergency business. It shall not change declared policy, the budget, or incur indebtedness. The Executive Committee shall be informed as soon as possible of business transacted by the Administrative Committee.

The Administrative Committee shall be composed of the president, who shall be chairman, the vice-president, the secretary, the treasurer, and one other officer to be appointed by the president.

ARTICLE III — COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. There shall be a COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM composed of the vice-president, who shall serve as chairman, the president, the secretary, the treasurer, the chairmen of the program areas for Christian social relations, missionary education, and spiritual growth, the secretary of program materials, conference chairman of Wesleyan Service Guild, and such other members as may be needed, named by the Executive Committee.

The committee shall be responsible for planning a program of information and inspiration in harmony with the PURPOSE at meetings of the conference society. There shall be a continuing process of program evaluation.

SECTION 2. There shall be a COMMITTEE ON FINANCE composed of the treasurer as chairman, the president, the vice-president, the secretary, the chairmen of the program areas for Christian social relations and missionary education, the chairman of the Wesleyan Service Guild, the treasurers of the district societies, and a limited number of other women, as the conference shall determine, named by the Executive Committee.

This committee shall meet at least semiannually and on call of the chairman. It shall receive an annual cultivation budget request from the district societies and from the conference Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

This committee shall study the strength of the societies and guilds in the local churches and the pledges made; become informed as to conference income and disbursements, and district and local financial possibilities and problems. In cooperation with the Committee on Program, the Committee on Finance shall recommend to the society plans for financial interpretation and promotion throughout the conference and shall assign specific responsibilities to members of the committee for implementation of such plans.

The committee shall recommend to the society constructive plans and procedures for securing funds for conference and district cultivation; assist by counsel in the formation of the conference pledge; and prepare the cultivation budget for recommendation to the conference.

Requests made to the conference society for funds shall be referred by the society to the Committee on Finance for study in relation to the total responsibility of the society and for recommendation to the society.

SECTION 3. There shall be a COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS, composed of eight (8) persons, including the chairman, all of whom shall be elected in the annual meeting of the conference society. The committee shall seek to find especially qualified women who may serve as the elected leadership and the Committee on Nominations. Every effort shall be made to insure full and adequate representation of the racial and cultural constituency as well as members of the united denominations. The committee shall submit these nominations to the society for election.

Members of the Committee on Nominations shall be women with knowledge and experience in the work of the Women's Society of Christian Service, or its predecessor organizations, and shall have served on a conference Executive Committee.

SECTION 4. There shall be a COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION with a dean, elected annually by the committee. The office of dean shall be rotated among the members of the committee with no one serving more than two years in succession.

The members of the committee shall be the president, the vice-president, the treasurer, the chairmen of the program areas for Christian social relations, missionary education, and spiritual growth, the secretary of program materials, the chairman of the Wesleyan Service Guild and such other members as may be named by the Executive Committee.

This committee shall plan and promote a conference school of Christian mission which shall give emphasis to the world mission of the Christian church through an integrated program of spiritual growth, missionary education, Christian social relations, and program building, and which shall train leadership for the promotion of the total program of the society and guild.

SECTION 5. There shall be a COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS composed of five members, who shall be appointed by the president and confirmed by the executive committee.

It shall be the duty of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws to study all legislation concerning the program and structure of the Women's Society; and, in keeping with new proposals and needs, to recommend appropriate revisions or additions to the current by-laws. The committee shall be alert to the need for clarification in wording and for the elimination of overlapping, conflicting, or unnecessary items. It shall have authority to make editorial changes and to incorporate in the by-laws of the conference, district, and

local societies any changes made by the Women's Division. The committee shall be prepared, upon request, to interpret the meaning and application of the by-laws and standing rules. It shall prepare for printing in the Annual Report revisions in the by-laws and standing rules adopted by the conference society.

SECTION 6. There shall be a COMMITTEE ON ANNUAL REPORT, composed of the secretary, who shall be chairman, the president, the treasurer, the chairman of the Wesleyan Service Guild, and such other persons as may be needed, who shall be appointed by the president in consultation with the secretary. It shall be the duty of this committee to edit and publish the Annual Report of the conference society.

SECTION 7. There shall be a COMMITTEE ON PLACE OF MEETING, composed of three members, whose chairman shall be a conference officer. The members shall be appointed biennially by the president, who shall designate the chairman. It shall be the duty of the committee to select suitable meeting places for the Executive and Annual Meetings of the conference society and report their availability one year in advance of the meeting. Whenever possible, the committee shall alternate the meetings among the geographical areas of the conference.

SECTION 8. Other committees for expansion of specific program areas or needed services for implementing the PURPOSE of the society may be named by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. a. The Committee on Nominations, composed of eight (8) members, shall be elected by the conference society, and have a rotating membership divided into three (3) classes. Each member shall be elected for a three (3) year term.

b. Annual Elections

- 1) The Chairman shall be elected annually by the conference society for a term of one year only.
- 2) Members of the new class shall be elected to replace the class rotating off.
- 3) Members shall be elected to fill vacancies (if any) in the other two (2) classes.

c. To establish the three (3) classes, the following procedure shall be used for the September 1971 election:

- 1) Three (3) members shall be elected for three (3) years.
- 2) Three (3) members shall be elected for two (2) years.
- 3) Two (2) members shall be elected for one (1) year.

SECTION 2. a. The Committee on Nominations shall present to the conference society nominations for elected leadership and the chairman and members of the Committee on Nominations. The elected leadership shall include a president, a vice-president, a secretary, a treasurer, chairmen of the program areas for Christian social relations, missionary education, and spiritual growth, and a secretary of program materials.

b. Only women residing within the bounds of the conference, or who are members of churches within the bounds of the conference, shall be elected.

SECTION 3. a. Elections shall take place in the annual meeting of the conference society. Officers shall be elected for a two (2) year term.

b. The Committee on Nominations shall submit the same number of nominees for each office (one or two). Additional nominations may be made from the floor

of the annual meeting by a duly registered delegate provided the person being nominated is eligible for the office and has given permission for her name to be placed in nomination.

c. Elections shall be by ballot, except that when there is only one nominee for an office, the election may be by voice. A majority vote shall constitute election.

d. One year or more of an unexpired term shall constitute a full term.

e. In order to establish a rotation in elected leadership, the term of office for the vice-president, secretary, chairman of missionary education and chairman of Christian social relations shall be one (1) year, effective for the September 1971 election only.

SECTION 4. Those elected shall assume their duties immediately upon election.

SECTION 5. No officer shall hold the same office for more than four (4) consecutive years. Tenure on the Executive Committee for the elected leadership of the conference society shall be limited to a total of eight (8) years unless a woman is elected to serve as conference president after having served the eight year tenure. (See Article I Section 5).

SECTION 6. Vacancies occurring in the elected leadership of the society shall be filled by the Executive Committee upon the nomination of the Committee on Nominations.

SECTION 7. At an Executive Committee meeting of the conference society, at least six months preceding the Assembly, representation as determined by the Women's Division shall be elected to the Assembly.

SECTION 8. At the annual meeting of the conference society prior to the quadrennial meeting of the jurisdiction society-guild, six delegates for membership in the jurisdiction society-guild shall be elected from the conference society, including the Wesleyan Service Guild, all of whom shall be conference officers, and all of whom shall serve for two years. Two reserve delegates shall also be chosen by name (See "a" below). Election shall be by ballot, with a majority vote constituting election.

a. Two of the delegates shall be the president and the chairman of the Wesleyan Service Guild. The other four shall be elected by name.

b. When vacancies occur among those delegates designated by office, the successor in office shall fill the vacancy.

c. When vacancies occur among those delegates elected by name, the reserve delegates, in the order elected, shall fill the vacancy.

SECTION 9. At the annual meeting of the conference society prior to the quadrennial meeting of the jurisdiction society-guild, the conference society shall nominate three women for membership on the general Board of Missions, the names to be sent to the jurisdiction society-guild.

The conference society shall also nominate one woman to serve as alternate. This reserve alternate shall be nominated in the same manner as the nominees and her name retained by the conference society. If there is need to substitute the name of the alternate when there has been withdrawal of a nominee, the name of the alternate shall be added after the last-named nominee.

ARTICLE V – FUNDS

SECTION 1. The conference society shall make an annual pledge to the Women's

SECTION 2. All undesignated funds received by the conference treasurer from any source shall be remitted to the treasurer of the Women's Division as undesignated gifts. Such funds will be divided according to the vote of the Division.

SECTION 3. Funds contributed for Special Memberships, "In Remembrance" and memorial gifts, "My World Bank," and "Thank Offerings" become part of the regular Pledge to Missions for appropriations and may not be otherwise designated by the conference society.

SECTION 4. An amount up to fifteen percent (15%) of the Pledge to Missions may be set aside each year as the conference cultivation fund. The exact percentage shall be determined by the executive committee on recommendation by the committee on finance.

This fund shall provide for all cultivation expenses of the conference society (such as: officers' expense; expenses of executive and annual meetings; the School of Christian Mission; expense of delegates to the jurisdiction society-guild and Assembly of the Women's Division; training opportunities; cooperative and ecumenical meetings and projects; and contributions to the jurisdiction cultivation fund.)

There shall be one cultivation fund for the Women's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild, the records of receipts from each group to be kept separate on the treasurer's books.

SECTION 5. Supplementary gifts received from district treasurers shall be remitted to the treasurer of the Women's Division according to designations received from district treasurers.

SECTION 6. The offering received from the observance of the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial shall be sent, through regular channels, to the treasurer of the Women's Division to be applied to the projects designated each year by the Women's Division.

SECTION 7. All orders on the treasury must be approved by the conference president and secretary.

ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONAL BY-LAWS

SECTION 1. Amendments to these by-laws may be made by majority vote at any annual meeting of the Women's Division, provided a thirty-day notice is given in writing to all members of the Division by the Executive Committee or by the Committee on By-Laws of the Division.

Proposed amendments to these by-laws shall be sent to the recording secretary of the Women's Division for presentation to the Division.

SECTION 2. Additional by-laws or amendments to the current by-laws may be adopted by majority vote at any annual meeting of the conference society, provided a thirty day notice is given in writing to the executive committee of the society, and provided they are in harmony with the Women's Division constitution and by-laws for the conference society. Copies of the proposed changes in the by-laws shall be made for distribution to all voting members of the annual meeting.

STANDING RULES OF THE CONFERENCE SOCIETY

1. The conference society shall seek to make clear the following financial relationships and policies:
 - a. That, since conference, district, and local societies and guilds are the only sources of support for the program and mission outreach of the Women's Division through the Board of Missions, financial support for projects which are the responsibility of the church as a whole should be supported by members of the Women's Societies/Guilds as individual church members rather than through the Women's Society/Guild treasuries.
 - b. That it is against the policy of the Women's Division to release lists of officers to any organization or commercial firm.
2. The secretary shall have printed in the Annual Report a mailing list, according to categories, to whom the Annual Report is sent.
3. An amount not to exceed \$3,000.00 (three thousand) for the entire conference to be applied on the budget of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation, may be raised by local societies/guilds at the rate of twenty-five (25) cents per member.
4. In the event of the death of the treasurer of the local, district, or conference society; or the disability of such treasurer to the extent that she is unable to discharge the duties of said office, the president of the local, district, or conference society shall be authorized and empowered by the Administrative Committee (or by the Executive Committee in local societies where there is no Administrative Committee) to draw and sign checks on behalf of said society.
5. Thirty (30) days before the annual meeting of the conference society, the secretary shall send to each local society president registration cards for the meeting and instructions for their use.
6.
 - a. Local societies shall be represented at the annual meeting of the conference society on the basis of one delegate for each one hundred members or major fraction thereof, providing every society, regardless of size, shall be entitled to at least one delegate.
 - b. Membership of each society will be determined according to the current Conference Annual Report, unless corrections are given to the conference president sixty (60) days in advance of the annual meeting.
7. The voting membership at an annual meeting shall be composed of the following persons: the members of the conference executive committee; the delegates from the local societies; the district officers; the sub-district chairmen; the wife of the resident bishop; all former conference presidents of the Women's Society and its predecessor organizations.
8. A committee shall be appointed to examine the minutes of the annual and executive committee meetings. All minutes of the conference society shall be signed by the president and the secretary.
9.
 - a. The Committee on Annual Meeting Program shall meet for organization and planning before leaving the seat of the Annual Meeting.
 - b. Each Standing Committee shall be allowed expenses for one meeting during the conference year; each shall establish its own quorum.

10. A typist shall be available at the Annual Meeting for such typing service as may be needed, expenses to be paid by the conference society.
11. Members of the Conference Executive Committee (including district treasurers) shall be entitled to reimbursement of expenses of attending meetings of the Conference Executive Committee and Conference Annual Meeting, according to the Guidelines determined by the Conference Executive Committee, but at no time shall payment be made in excess of actual expenses.
12. a. The conference society shall pay the full expense of the conference president, the secretary, the treasurer and the chairman of the Annual Meeting Program at a hotel/motel during the Annual Meeting.

b. During the meetings of the Executive Committee, the conference president, secretary and treasurer may stay at a hotel/motel at conference expense.
13. Each officer shall be entitled to expenses incurred in fulfilling the duties of her office and shall submit itemized statements of such expense to the treasurer.
14. Officers shall provide mailing costs for all official communications that are sent to corresponding district officers for mailing to local societies.
15. The official rate for travel expense by car shall be seven (7) cents per mile. Whenever possible, car pools accommodating several persons should be used. When conference and district officers of the society and guild travel together in a car, each person shall charge a prorata share of the expense to the conference or district group she represents. Other riders shall assume their share of travel expense.
16. A subsidy of \$9.00 (nine) per person shall be paid all elected leadership of the district Women's Society and the sub-district chairmen who attend and fully participate in the School of Christian Mission.
17. An amount equal to the expense of two (2) cars, at the rate of seven (7) cents per mile, shall be paid to each District by the Conference society to supplement the expense of district officers attending the Conference School of Christian Mission. If possible, car pools shall be used, with expense allowance beginning at the point of origin of the car pool.
18. Twenty-five (25) dollars may be allowed annually for the purchase of audio-visual resources pertinent to the current studies and missionary emphases. These materials shall be selected by the conference chairman of the program area for missionary education in consultation with the dean of the School of Christian Mission, and shall be placed in the Audio-visual library of the Program Council for use throughout the conference.
19. The president may attend, at conference expense, the Annual Meeting of the Women's Division and the Annual Meeting of the Board of Missions each year she is invited.
20. A one-day training opportunity for the elected leadership of the districts shall be held each year at conference expense.
21. a. There shall be a Conference Historian, appointed by the conference president, after consultation with the executive committee. The historian shall serve for two (2) years, during which time she shall be a member of the executive committee, with vote.

b. The historian shall keep a record of events and actions in the conference Women's Society/Guild which may have historical significance, including published articles,

pictures, programs and other information. She shall make memoranda, as needed, to develop an orderly sequence of events, to supply correct names of persons and their relationships to the society/guild; and shall be alert to events in the district and local societies and guilds which will help to interpret the life and growth of the Women's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild in Louisiana.

22. In each year when there is a surplus in cultivating funds, money may be set aside as an accumulative fund for use as determined by the executive committee on recommendation of the Committee on Finance, after a yearly review of the needs of the conference society.
23. When persons from the Louisiana Conference are commissioned as Deaconesses or missionaries, or when women from the Louisiana Conference are ordained deacon or elder and become a probationary or full conference member, a gift of \$25 shall be presented them and a special membership given in their honor.
24. When death occurs among members of the executive committee, to members of their immediate families, or to relatives living within their homes; an In Remembrance Gift of five (5) dollars may be sent as a memorial.
25. Standing Rules may be amended at any annual meeting of the conference society upon recommendation of the Conference Executive Committee.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick moved the adoption of the complete Report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws. Motion was seconded and carried.

Business

The secretary read communications from Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, Mr. Tom Matheny, Mrs. Betty Cathcart, Miss Barbara Campbell, Mrs. George Thomas and Mrs. Ruth Jones Cadwallader.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

Mrs. W. B. Gardner and Mrs. Aldin Bynum presented the recommendations from the Committee. Each recommendation was individually adopted. Mrs. Gardner moved the adoption of the report as a whole. Motion was seconded and carried.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE

1972

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

1. That the Pledge to Mission for 1972 be\$147,741.00
- That the Conference Budget for 1972 be 15,315.00
- That the District Pledges to Conference be as follows:

Alexandria District	\$10,500.00
Baton Rouge District	18,850.00
Hammond District	7,100.00
Lafayette District	13,560.00
Lake Charles District	21,371.00
Monroe District	18,750.00
Natchitoches District	6,700.00
New Orleans District	22,200.00
Ruston District	15,000.00
Shreveport District	28,975.00

2. That the Conference Budget for 1972 be as follows:

Office Expense	\$ 1,500.00
Annual Meeting	1,900.00
Mid-Year Executive Meeting	1,200.00
Regional School of C. M.	800.00
Conference School of C. M.	1,700.00
Jurisdiction Cultivation	740.00
Jurisdiction Meetings	500.00
Annual Reports	2,000.00
Youth Work (Conference Program Council)	600.00
Co-operative Meetings	550.00
Church Women United	50.00
District Officers Training	650.00
Miscellaneous	500.00
Wesleyan Service Guild	2,625.00

3. That \$50.00 each be allowed for up to two (2) student delegates who attend the 1972 Jurisdictional Youth Ministry Enterprises at Mt. Sequoyah.

4. That each District Society allow expense for the District Chairman of Christian Social Relations to attend the 1972 Briefing Conference on Christian Social Concern at Mt. Sequoyah, and, that if needed each district's expense be supplemented by the Conference in the amount of \$15.00.

5. That \$25.00 be given to the 1972 week-end Co-operative School of Christian Mission.

6. That funds be made available if the Conference President is invited to attend the Board of Missions meeting in 1972. The funds would be available from the surplus in 1971 Cultivation Fund.

ELECTIONS:

The secretary read the Conference standing rule number 7 that established the voting membership. A voting bar was established. The voting strength was 232.

The secretary read the following list of Tellers: Mrs. W. H. Roberts and Mrs. Inez W. Chrisentery, co-chairmen of elections. Distributing Tellers were: Mesdames Ted Hammond, M. McKee, C. R. McKaskle, B. E. Fox, Curtis Carlin, Ferrell Eari, Sidney Evans, Doris Bell, Robin Jakway, M. S. Odell, Irma Green Jackson. The Counting Tellers were: Mesdames Maurice Davis, Fannie Mae Lee, A. N. Fenn, George Riley, Earl Warner, Coy Duplechain, W. R. Olsen, Don Risinger, Ophelia Means, C. P. Besse, L. G. Thomas and Ida B. Young.

ELECTION OF CONFERENCE OFFICERS:

Mrs. Edgar E. Cayard, Chairman, Committee on Nominations, submitted the following nominees for office:

President.....	Mrs. Thomas E. Kirkpatrick, 127 Swedes Ave., Shreveport 71105
Vice-President.....	Mrs. A. C. Prophet, P. O. Box 3709, Baton Rouge 70807
Secretary	Mrs. Albert Pulley, 4108 Magnolia St., New Orleans 70115
Treasurer	Mrs. James T. Spencer, Box 577, Farmerville 71241

Chairmen, Program Areas:

Christian Social Relations.....	Mrs. Albert E. Stevenson, 2405 St. Bernard Ave., New Orleans 70116
Missionary Education	Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, 660 Castlewood Drive, Baton Rouge 70815
Spiritual Growth.....	Mrs. George M. Chastain, Jr., 813 Henrietta Lane, Lake Charles 70601

Secretary Program Materials Mrs. Martin Wagnon, 514 Fifth Street,
Jennings 70546
Chairman Committee on Nominations..... Mrs. W. F. Manning,
1305 N. Trenton St., Ruston 71270

Term Expiring 1972:

Mrs. Fletcher Dixon, 2908 Audubon St., New Orleans 70125
Mrs. Edgar Cayard, 1606 Bodenger Blvd., New Orleans 70114

Term Expiring 1973:

Mrs. Mattie Hewitt, Rt. 4, Box 150, Bastrop
Mrs. W. F. Manning, 1305 N. Trenton, Ruston 71270
Mrs. Jesse Porter, 3903 Yale Dr., Lake Charles 70601

Term Expiring 1974:

Mrs. Inez Chrisentery, 1940 Tennessee, Baton Rouge 70802
Mrs. W. B. Gardner, Box 445, Mooringsport 71060
Mrs. J. E. McCampbell, 3227 Marye St., Alexandria 71301

There being no further nominations from the floor, Mrs. Althea Butler moved that the nominees nominated be elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. McGowan declared the slate of officers duly elected.

ELECTION OF JURISDICTION DELEGATES:

The secretary read the By-Law, Article IV, Section 8. Six delegates and two reserve delegates were to be elected. Two delegates shall be the president and chairman of the Wesleyan Service Guild. Those delegates elected were: Mesdames Gilbert Bandel, A. C. Prophet, George Chastain and James T. Spencer. The two reserve delegates were: Mrs. Albert Pulley and Mrs. Albert E. Stevenson.

The secretary read from By-Laws, Article IV, Section 9, the authority for nominating three nominees for membership on the General Board of Missions and one reserve nominee. Those elected were: Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, Mrs. Inez W. Chrisentery and Miss Mildred Evans. The reserve nominee was Mrs. W. B. Gardner.

Mrs. J. J. Joyce, president, First United Methodist Women's Society of Monroe, issued a "Red Letter" invitation for the 1972 Annual Meeting to be held in their church. The invitation was accepted. The date of the meeting is September 21-22, 1972.

The Pledge Service was conducted jointly by the treasurers of former Conferences A and B, Mrs. Gardner and Mrs. Bynum. Films of the work in many National and World projects under the Board of Missions was shown while district treasurers made pledges and accepted the challenge to meet them.

Mrs. McGowan accepted the pledge of \$163,056.00. A prayer of dedication of the pledge was offered by Miss Alston.

The Installation Service, "We Would Be Builders," used to install the newly elected officers was conducted by Mrs. Edward Brandhorst.

COURTESY COMMITTEE:

The Women's Society of Christian Service of the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church wishes to acknowledge with profound gratitude and sincere appreciation, the amenities of courtesies, services and Christian fellowship which have been extended to us in this third Annual Meeting and Merger of Conferences A and B. We would give special recognition to the entire Baton Rouge District: the churches, the ministry, the staff

members and the laity, who have given so graciously and so freely of their talent, time and facilities. We ask God's richest blessings to rest upon your sacrificial offering, given for our growth, Lord, motivate and teach us to build! Mrs. I. W. Rowland, Mrs. Lucille Goodwin, Mrs. F. E. Kennon.

The Journal Committee had checked the minutes and found them in order.

The celebration of Holy Communion was under the direction of Dr. D. L. McGuire, assisted by the Reverends David Dykes, John King, Jr., W. L. Lafayette and James Humphreys.

Mrs. McGowan declared the Third Annual Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m. followed by the benediction given by Reverend David Dykes.

Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Secretary

Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, President
Conference A

Miss Ethel Alston, President
Conference B

Journal:

Mrs. W. B. Gardner
Mrs. Louie Chrisman

STATISTICS FOR LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

District	Number Societies	Membership	Number Guilds	Membership	Total Membership
Alexandria	29	775	7	125	900
Baton Rouge	31	1,612	13	196	1,808
Hammond	40	854	10	155	1,009
Lafayette	38	1,192	8	135	1,327
Lake Charles	30	1,348	11	159	1,507
Monroe	44	1,397	16	239	1,636
Natchitoches	25	569	9	164	733
New Orleans	50	2,247	16	264	2,511
Ruston	28	1,088	9	195	1,283
Shreveport	40	2,151	14	192	2,343
Total	355	13,233	113	1,824	15,057

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DISTRICT

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Guild Officers
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**WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**



Annual Meeting

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Baton Rouge, Louisiana

September 24-26, 1971

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1962-1966.....Miss Arline Tyler, 702 E. Washington St., Shreveport 71104

PAST CHAIRMAN

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1956-1959.....Mrs. Eola Lyons Baker (deceased)
1959-1960.....Mrs. Mercedes Green Davis (deceased)
1960-1965.....Mrs. Owinda W. Taplette, 6307 Pauline Dr., New Orleans 70126
1965-1969.....Mrs. Glen W. Leslie, 3536 Clermont Dr., New Orleans 70122

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Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick

Mrs. Elizabeth N. Thomas

Mrs. Owinda W. Taplette

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Mrs. Daisy Bergeron

Mrs. Alvin Sandefur

Mrs. Walter Banks

Mrs. E. Mae Calvin

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Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick

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Mrs. J. T. Spencer

Miss Ruth Gulley

Miss Louise Jones

Mrs. W. M. Batt

Mrs. Vera F. Williams

Mrs. Max Allen

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Bunkie:

David Haas Memorial Mrs. Ray Mathieu, Evergreen 71333

Colfax:

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JOURNAL OF THE SECOND WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD WEEKEND July 25-26, 1970

The Second Louisiana Conference A Wesleyan Service Guild Weekend began with registration in the lobby of James Dormitory, Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana, at 4:00 P.M., Friday, July 25, 1970, with Mrs. Virginia Ward and Mrs. Helen Owen of Monroe District in charge.

The first General Assembly was held in Smith Auditorium at 7:30 P.M. with Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman, presiding. Miss Evans introduced our special guest, Miss Mary Ruth Nichols, Regional Secretary, Women's Division, of the Dallas Area. Also introduced were Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Conference President; Mrs. W. B. Gardner, Conference Treasurer; Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, Chairman of Missionary Education; Mrs. R. E. Carter, Chairman of Christian Social Relations; the nine District Chairmen of Wesleyan Service Guild; Mrs. Helen Owen and Mrs. Virginia Ward, Registration and Housing Committee; and other special guests -- Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, Conference Chairman of Conference B Guild and Mrs. Mathews, a District Chairman of Conference B; and Mrs. Ardessie Prophit, Conference B Chairman of Missionary Education.

Miss Nichols presented an informative talk on Unity of our Mission, in which she discussed some of the requests made in the Black Manifesto and the response of our Board of Missions -- no funds being given to James Foreman. Some funds were designated for already-established Black colleges related to the Board of Missions. In connection with her discussion, Miss Nichols showed a film made in January, 1970, during the session of the Board of Missions. The participants were Mrs. Harrington, Miss Teresa Hoover, and Mr. David Briddell. Following the presentation Miss Nichols and Mrs. McGowan answered specific questions asked by the audience.

Miss Evans discussed the idea of building collages, and the group was divided into smaller groups of ten persons each for the purpose of building a collage. This was followed by worship led by Mrs. Gloria Bennett and Mrs. Ola Allen, assisted by Miss Evans.

Following breakfast on Saturday morning, the Assembly convened in Smith Auditorium, with Miss Evans presiding. She announced that the offering to be made today would be dedicated to Miss Nichols.

The Registration Committee reported that fifty-five persons had spent the night and a total of seventy-two persons had registered by districts as follows:

Alexandria	6	Lake Charles.....	1
Baton Rouge.....	8	Monroe.....	17
Hammond	1	New Orleans.....	12
Lafayette	3	Ruston	6
Shreveport.....	19		

Miss Evans announced the following meetings and dates: Conference Guild Committee -- Holiday Inn, Alexandria, October 17-18, 1970; Jurisdiction Guild Weekend, June 12-13, 1971; Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission, June 14-18, 1971; Louisiana Conference A School of Missions, July 20-23, 1971; Guild Weekend, July 23-25, 1971. The Annual Meeting will be held at First Church, Baton Rouge, some time in September of 1971.

"Interrelatedness of Program Areas and Society and Guild" was presented in an interesting manner by a panel consisting of Mrs. Bandel, Mrs. Thomas, and Mrs. Carter. Mrs. Thomas played the role of a Guild president who had called the other two in to meet with her for planning "because the new instructions said to" and she wondered why this was necessary. This began the discussion which pointed to the interrelatedness of the two groups

as well as the different program areas. They brought out various materials which can be obtained from Service Center as well as resource persons in every local church situation.

One collage made the previous evening was placed on a table with a district name. Each district group gathered to study the collage and to make decisions helpful in their own district work. A recorder was selected in each group and reports were made when the assembly gathered in the auditorium again.

The Closing Celebration brought to an end the Guild Weekend. However, the Guilders were to stay as participants in the Cooperative Weekend of Christian Mission to begin at 1:00 P.M. and to close on Sunday morning.

Daisy F. Bergeron, Secretary

**MID-YEAR MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE
WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD COMMITTEE
Alexandria, Louisiana — October 17-18, 1970**

With Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman, presiding, the Mid-Year Meeting of the Louisiana Conference A Wesleyan Service Guild Committee opened at 2:00 P.M. Saturday, October 17, 1970, at Holiday Inn, Alexandria. Mrs. Gloria Bennett of Monroe District led the opening worship.

Present at the meeting were Miss Evans, Miss Lillian Kennedy, Mrs. Vera Packer, Mrs. Vera Williams, Mrs. Rosa McCullough, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. L. W. Kimbell, Mrs. Robert Allen, Mrs. Elsie Ellis, Miss Elizabeth Langford, Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, Mrs. W. B. Gardner, and Mrs. Daisy Bergeron.

Miss Evans read letters from Miss Arline Tyler, Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Mrs. R. E. Carter, and Mrs. Glenn Laskey, each explaining her absence. Also, it was reported that Mrs. Ruth Allen is a patient in Winnfield General Hospital with back trouble. All present signed a card to send to Mrs. Allen. A motion was made and carried that cards be sent to the other absent members.

The minutes of the Guild Weekend were discussed. The spelling of the names, Nickels and Harrington, were corrected and the number attending from Lake Charles District was changed from 0 to 1. Mrs. McCullough made a motion that the minutes as corrected be approved. Carried.

Mrs. Kimbell, Mrs. Bennett, and Mrs. Packer were appointed to the Journal Committee by Miss Evans.

Mrs. Bandel extended Mrs. McGowan's regrets at having to be absent because of other commitments. As Chairman of Program Area, Missionary Education, Mrs. Bandel expressed appreciation to the Guild for having cooperated in the Cooperative Weekend of Christian Mission. She also asked that the committee members encourage local Guilds to contact a missionary during this year, saying that missionaries in Louisiana need our loving support. Mrs. Bandel spoke about the work being done at Dulac and MacDonell and particularly the change being made in the work at MacDonell.

Mrs. Gardner, Conference Treasurer, explained the procedure for submitting special gift money, which counts toward the Conference designated gifts, but not on the pledge. She asked that we follow prayerfully the new work to be undertaken by Business Girls Inn in Shreveport, and urged that we promote the payment of cultivation funds as well as the Magazine and Picture Fund and the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation Funds. She gave the report for the Conference Treasurer. Failure to meet the current year's pledges causes

the projects not to get what they need for the following year, she said. Below is information given by Mrs. Gardner showing the amount paid by each district and the amount which must be paid by December 1 in order to meet the pledges:

District	Paid to Date	Due
Alexandria	\$1,222.14	\$1,378.86
Baton Rouge	1,135.80	364.20
Hammond	889.70	1,110.30
Lafayette	1,512.92	633.08
Lake Charles	2,504.86	1,133.14
Monroe	2,618.88	1,071.12
New Orleans	1,975.87	1,024.13
Ruston	1,661.70	1,410.30
Shreveport	1,741.13	1,865.87

Mrs. Gardner explained the procedure used for determining the recommended pledges for 1971. Each District President, District Treasurer, and Guild Chairman were asked to meet together to work up a suggested pledge. This was the basis from which to work. Each district proposed Guild pledge is that which was sent in by the District Treasurer.

Miss Evans reviewed a letter from Dr. G. W. Pomeroy thanking the Guild for having sent a gift to missions in his name following the Spring Meeting.

A letter was read from Nell Shepherd asking for problems, suggestions, ideas, etc., which she could present to the Board of Missions for action. Miss Evans read a copy of the letter she wrote in reply, a copy of which is attached.

The seminars on "Todays Woman and a Biblical Faith," to be held at Kansas City and Dallas were discussed by Miss Evans.

It was reported that Miss Marion Baker will do the work formerly done by Miss Lillian Johnson until a successor for Miss Johnson is named. Miss Baker's title is Secretary, Employed Women.

Following coffee break Miss Langford made a motion that six dollars be allowed for meals for each person for this committee meeting. Carried.

The District Chairmen gave their reports orally, and a copy of each is in the files. It was encouraging to learn that two new units have been organized in Hammond District.

Each District Chairman was asked to send directory changes to Mrs. L. C. Aycok of Ruston, as well as to Service Center. Changes were made in the directory for those present.

Miss Evans pointed out that at the Annual Meeting to be held in September new officers will be elected following the merger with Conference B. The names of persons who may be interested in an office should be submitted to Miss Arline Tyler. A motion was made and carried that the Nominating Committee be authorized to name three delegates and three alternates to the Gulf Regional School of Mission from names submitted from the Committee as being available to attend.

Tentative dates for the Annual Meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild were given as September 24-25, 1971.

Miss Langford reported that no work has been done on Christian Social Relations this year.

A copy of the report made by the Conference Chairman is on file with the Secretary.

A letter was read from Rev. Garland Dean relative to the Cooperative Weekend of Christian Mission. Miss Evans read her reply to him in which she submitted the suggestions from Guilders who had attended the 1970 Weekend. Following a discussion of whether to return to the longer Guild Weekend or to again participate in the Cooperative Weekend of Christian Mission, Mrs. Williams made a motion we cooperate again in 1971. Carried. Mrs. McCullough made a motion that we contribute \$25.00 to assist in financing the Cooperative Weekend of Christian Mission. Carried.

The possibility of some type of Conference-wide meeting to be held in the Spring of 1971 was discussed. Mrs. Williams made a motion that we try to secure a team for an enrichment seminar or some type of retreat for the Spring. Carried.

There were no previously planned changes in the By-Laws and Standing Rules. However, the need for including definite regulations for travel allowances and number of persons required to travel together was discussed. This will come before the executive committee at its next session.

Mrs. Allen made a motion that Mrs. Gardner be added to the Committee on By-Laws and Standing Rules. Carried.

The evening closed with a prayer read by Mrs. Packer.

Sunday, October 18, 1970

Mrs. Gardner presented the following proposed pledges, by districts, for 1971:

Alexandria.....	\$2,225.00
Baton Rouge.....	1,250.00
Hammond.....	1,500.00
Lafayette.....	2,146.00
Lake Charles.....	3,638.00
Monroe.....	3,690.00
New Orleans.....	3,000.00
Ruston.....	3,072.00
Shreveport.....	3,000.00
Total.....	<u>\$23,521.00</u>

Mrs. Gardner suggested that World Bank, Thank Offerings, Special Gifts are some ways to help in raising the pledges.

Miss Langford made a motion that the pledges as proposed by Mrs. Gardner be adopted. Carried. Mrs. Gardner presented the following proposed budget for 1971:

Office Expense	\$ 100.00
Annual Meeting	600.00
Mid-Year Committee Meeting.....	375.00
Guild Weekend	200.00
Regional School of Christian Mission.....	250.00
Jurisdiction Cultivation	100.00
Committees	100.00
Promotion	50.00
Miscellaneous.....	75.00
Leadership Enrichment Team.....	250.00
Jurisdiction Guild Weekend.....	200.00
Total.....	<u>\$2,300.00</u>

Mrs. McCullough made the motion that the proposed budget be adopted. Mrs. Packer

seconded the motion, which was carried.

Miss Evans reminded the Committee members that those persons holding local offices now are asked to serve until January, 1972. District elections will be held in September or October of 1971.

Dates to remember are:

June 12-13, 1971.....Jurisdiction Guild Weekend
June 14-18, 1971.....Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission
July 20-23, 1971.....Louisiana Conference A School of Christian Mission
July 23-24, 1971.....Louisiana Conference A Guild Weekend
July 24-25, 1971.....Cooperative Weekend of Christian Mission
September 23-24, 1971.....Tentative dates for WSCS Annual Meeting
September 24-25, 1971.....Tentative dates for Annual Meeting, Wesleyan Service Guild

The matter of guests attending the Conference Committee meetings was discussed. Mrs. Packer made a motion that one person from each district be invited by the District Chairman to attend the Conference Executive Committee meetings at her own or at district expense. Carried.

There was a discussion of gifts to honor outgoing Conference officers. Mrs. McCullough made a motion that this be handled through the District Treasurers and that the District Treasurer, District President and Guild Chairman of each district meet and make plans for collecting money for honoring the outgoing officers. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Gardner and carried.

It was reported by Miss Evans that the Program Committee had nominated Mrs. Elsie Ellis for chairman, Guild Weekend. Mrs. Allen made a motion that the action of the Program Committee be approved and that Mrs. Ellis be selected as chairman. Carried.

Miss Evans reported on discussions held during the program committee meeting and tentative plans for the program. Monroe District will be responsible for housing and registration, Mrs. Gardner will serve as Chairman of Arrangements, Mrs. Bennett will be in charge of publicity, Miss Langford will be responsible for the printing of the programs. The Committee recommended that Conference B Guild members be invited to attend Guild Weekend and that they be asked to be in charge of opening worship.

Further discussion of plans for a 1971 Spring meeting was held. It was decided that if it is not possible to secure the enrichment team that Miss Evans will try to secure one of the following persons: Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy, Mrs. Ed Thomas, Marian Jackson, Mrs. Kilpatrick, Mrs. Estelle Dameron, or Mrs. C. R. McCammon for some type of Retreat. Possible dates are March 13-14, 1971; March 20-21, 1971; or March 27-28, 1971.

Miss Evans appointed Mrs. Packer, Miss Kennedy, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Kimbell to serve on the Committee to Plan Merger, with Mrs. Packer as chairman.

The meeting closed with a worship service under the leadership of Mrs. Vera Williams.

Daisy F. Bergeron, Secretary

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD COMMITTEE

Alexandria, Louisiana — May 1-2, 1971

The Louisiana Conference A Wesleyan Service Guild Committee convened at 3:45 P.M. at Ramada Inn, Alexandria, Louisiana, Saturday, May 1, 1971, with Mrs. Velma Thomas leading in worship. Present were Miss Mildred Evans; Chairman, Miss Arline Tyler, Miss

Lillian Kennedy, Mrs. W. J. Packer, Mrs. Vera Williams, Mrs. Velma Thomas, Mrs. Gloria Bennett, Mrs. Robert Allen, Mrs. Elsie Ellis, Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Mrs. W. B. Gardner, Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, Mrs. Daisy Bergeron, and from Conference B, Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas and Mrs. Marien Jones.

Absentees were Mrs. Ruth Allen, Mrs. L. W. Kimbell, Mrs. George M. Chastain, Miss Elizabeth Langford, Mrs. R. E. Carter and Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey. Miss Evans explained the reasons for the absences for those from whom she had heard. Mrs. Velma Thomas made a motion that cards be sent to the absent members. Carried.

Mrs. Packer made a motion that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as written. Mrs. Allen seconded and the motion carried.

Miss Evans appointed a journal committee consisting of Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Ellis and Mrs. Packer.

A letter from Mrs. David J. Cathcart, Women's Division Staff Member, Nashville, Tennessee, was read. In this she requested that she be advised of at least two areas of the total program within our Conference that need to be strengthened. Several areas were discussed, including the insufficient communications directly from the higher levels to the district and local Guild units.

Miss Evans read excerpts from letters from Mrs. Nell Shepherd on the Jurisdiction Society/Guild Committee and Miss Marion Baker regarding a Board meeting which they attended. These excerpts informed what the Women's Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild did, as well as to discuss workshops for training Conference Guild Committees. The invitation, "Membership in the Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild" was shown to the Committee and is available from Service Center.

In her President's report, Mrs. McGowan discussed the steps which have been taken in the merger of the two Conferences, A and B, and she urged that we express ourselves and make our thoughts and wishes known to delegates to the Annual and General Conferences. The proposed structure of the church was explained, also.

Mrs. Bandel, in her report as Chairman of the Program, Area, Missionary Education, stressed that "study is our business" and "study is a form of worship." Her written report is on file.

In the absence of Mrs. Carter, her written report as Chairman of the Program Area, Christian Social Relations, was read by the secretary, and it is in the files.

Mrs. Gardner gave a financial report and stated that we are a little ahead of this time last year in our payments. She asked that the District Chairmen promote the Magazine and Picture Fund and special memberships.

The reports of the District Chairmen present were given and are in the files. Miss Evans gave a brief report for New Orleans District, and Mrs. Allen had mailed a written report for the Alexandria District.

Miss Tyler, Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, made the following report: The Committee on Nominations wishes to submit the names of Daisy Bergeron, Virginia Ward, and a third reserved for a delegate to be named later, and with our Conference Chairman bringing to four, our representatives at the West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission. Miss Tyler moved the adoption of the report. Carried.

Miss Tyler asked that names of prospective nominees for offices and members of the Committee on Nominations be sent to her. There is a need for two officers and the

Chairman and four members of the Committee on Nominations, as well as three additional delegates to the West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission for 1972.

Sunday, May 2, 1971

Miss Evans read a telegram from Mrs. Jessie Chastain in which she asked that we read Philernon, verses 4-7. This was done as opening meditation.

The report of the Committee on By-Laws and Standing Rules was made by Miss Kennedy. Because of the planned merger, this Committee had met with the two members of Conference B, and recommendations for alterations were made. During discussion Miss Tyler made a motion that Article VI, Section 2 (c) be added, to read as follows: "The Committee on Nominations, composed of five (5) members shall be elected by the Conference Guild, and effective September, 1971, shall have a rotation of membership as follows — three members for three years, two members for two years. The chairman shall be elected for a term of one year by the Conference Guild." This means that the first three members elected for the committee will serve three years, and the fourth and fifth elected will serve for two years. There will be no election in 1972, two elected in 1973, and three elected in 1974. Motion carried.

Following further discussion, Miss Kennedy made the motion that the Conference Guild Committee accept the report of the Committee on By-Laws and Standing Rules; authorize the said committee to revise Article VI, Section 1 (c) and to edit the document; and to approve the presentation of the revised By-Laws and Standing Rules to the Annual Meeting in Baton Rouge in September. Carried.

The Committee on Program for Guild Weekend presented a resume of the program as planned to date.

Mrs. Gardner presented the following proposed budget for 1972:

Office Expense	\$ 200.00
Annual Meeting	650.00
Mid-Year Committee Meeting.....	400.00
Guild Weekend	300.00
Regional School of Christian Mission.....	250.00
Jurisdictional Cultivation.....	125.00
Committees	100.00
Promotion	75.00
Miscellaneous.....	75.00
Jurisdiction Society/Guild.....	200.00
Leadership Enrichment Team.....	<u>250.00</u>
Total.....	<u>\$2,625.00</u>

Mrs. Gardner moved the adoption of the budget. Carried.

A letter from Mrs. L. C. Aycock was read in which she referred to information need for the Annual Report. Local Guilds should elect officers by September 30, and send a list to Miss Evans who will get them to Mrs. Aycock. District officers are to be elected in October, and these lists should be sent in immediately after election.

Miss Evans gave the following events and dates to be remembered:

June 11-13, 1971.....	Jurisdiction Guild Weekend
June 14-18, 1971.....	West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission
July 20-23, 1971.....	Conference WSCS School of Christian Mission
July 23-24, 1971.....	Conference Guild Weekend

July 24-25, 1971 Cooperative Weekend of Christian Mission
 Sept. 23-24, 1971 Annual Meeting of Women's Society of Christian Service
 Sept. 24-25, 1971 Annual Meeting of Wesleyan Service Guild

Miss Evans recommended that we go back home and read response, articles on pp. 35-37 in March 1971, "Yours in Christ"; pp. 41-42 of January, 1971, "Celebrate the New Year"; November, 1970, pp. 48-49, "What More?"; and May, 1971, pp. 50-51, "Success Is No Secret." Also, April, 1971, pp. 20-21, "Why Send Missionaries?"

The Annual Meeting program was outlined by the committee.

The meeting adjourned, and Mrs. Bandel led in closing worship.

Daisy F. Bergeron, Secretary

JOURNAL OF THE THIRD WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD WEEKEND July 23, 24, 1971

Friday, July 23, 1971

The Third Annual Guild Weekend of the former Louisiana Conference A began with registration in James Dormitory of Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana, at 4:00 P.M., with members of the Monroe District in charge.

The first general assembly was held at 8:00 P.M. in Smith Auditorium. Miss Mildred Evans introduced Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, Chairman of the Louisiana Conference B Guild, who with other members from Conference B, led in worship, using "An Act of Worship and Dedication" from Rites and Ceremonies.

Miss Evans introduced Miss Barbara Campbell of the Board of Missions, Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Conference President of W.S.C.S., Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, Chairman of the Area Missionary Education, and Mrs. W. B. Gardner, Conference Treasurer. Also introduced were Mrs. Ardesie Prophet, Mrs. Inez Chrisentery, Mrs. May and five Guild members from the New Orleans District, Conference B. Mrs. Thomas introduced the District Presidents and Chairmen from Conference B, and they in turn then introduced their members who were present.

Miss Evans introduced the District Chairmen, all of whom were present with the exception of Miss Lillian Kennedy, Baton Rouge District, who had been in the School of Christian Mission all week. Mrs. Elsie Ellis was also introduced as the Program Chairman for Guild Weekend.

Mrs. Sara Fugler and Mrs. Virginia Ward were introduced and with Miss Campbell they presented "Operation Missions," a very good presentation of information concerning the work of the Board of Missions.

Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas served as moderator for a discussion of Women's Liberation. This discussion was shortened because of the length of the evening's total program.

Saturday, July 24, 1971

Following breakfast and a continuation of registration, the second general assembly was held in Smith Auditorium. Mr. Barney Wright, a U.S.-2 serving at St. Marks, New Orleans, spoke about his work there in the development of new programs in the area. He answered a number of questions from the audience.

Mrs. Daisy Bergeron, Registrar, reported that a total of sixty-six persons had registered, including three of the W.S.C.S. Conference officers. Guild members registered by districts were:

Alexandria 1, Baton Rouge 2, Hammond 2, Lafayette 8, Lake Charles 4, Monroe 10, Natchitoches 5, New Orleans 8, Ruston 5, and Shreveport 18.

Representing Miss Elizabeth Langford, Mrs. Minza Rabun of Bastrop, presented the Elizabeth Langford Award to Hammond District for having two new Guild units organized during the year. Mrs. Vera Packer and Mrs. Sara Fugler accepted the plaque and a gift to missions was also made.

Mrs. Rabun, Miss Grace Lawson, and Miss Arline Tyler were introduced and recognized as past Conference Chairmen.

The members were divided into various officer-responsibility groups, each with a leader, for a sharing of responsibilities and methods for improving the work of each officer.

Upon coming back into the large group, Mrs. Gardner discussed finances and explained how the money is used. She suggested ways to increase the pledges to missions. She discussed Gifts to Mission, Blessing Banks, Thanks Banks, Special Memberships, and Memorial Gifts. Designated and undesignated supplementary giving were also discussed.

Mrs. Bandel spoke about the area of Missionary Education, stressing that "study is our business." She stressed the use of Methodist-oriented materials and pointed out that there is much more available that could possibly be used in a year. The column, "Comment", in *The Louisiana Methodist*, was pointed up as a source of communications from the Conference officers. Mrs. Bandel closed her remarks with the statement that "study is a form of worship" and Louisiana needs study this year as we launch into new forms of missions.

Mrs. McGowan stated that it has always been a pleasure for her to meet with the Guild, and she feels that the W.S.C.S. and Guild have come a long way in the last few years in feeling that each organization is a part of the other. For her it has been a joy and she feels that as Guild members we belong to her.

Miss Evans and Mrs. Thomas announced the Annual Meetings to be held in Baton Rouge on September 24-26, 1971, each beginning on Friday with a Conference Committee meeting. Conference A will meet at First United Methodist Church, and Conference B Committee meeting will be at Capitol House Hotel. Mrs. Thomas gave a resume of the Conference B program, stating that both groups will meet together at First Church at 2:00 P.M. Saturday, September 25, for the merger ceremony. Miss Evans stated that Miss Lillian Kennedy joins in extending the invitation to Baton Rouge.

Miss Evans stressed that the Guild members should stay for the Weekend of Christian Mission in order to learn about the studies for the following year.

Following the offering, the Guild Hymn was sung, and the meeting was adjourned. Mrs. Ellis led the closing prayer.

Daisy F. Bergeron, Secretary

MINUTES OF CONFERENCE GUILD COMMITTEE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE A

September 24, 1971

The Committee of the Louisiana Conference A Wesleyan Service Guild met at 7:30 P.M., Friday, September 24, 1971, in the parlor of First United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman, presiding. The group was prepared for its work by a devotional given by Miss Arline Tyler, Chairman of the Committee on Nominations.

Answering roll call in addition to Misses Evans and Tyler were Mrs. Max Allen, Miss Lillian Kennedy, Mrs. Vera Packer, Mrs. Velma Thomas, Mrs. Gloria Bennett, Mrs. Ola Allen, Mrs. Elsie Ellis, Mrs. Mary Ellen Gardner, Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, Miss Elizabeth Langford, and Mrs. Daisy Bergeron. Introduced by Miss Evans were Mrs. Edward Brandhorst, President of South Central Jurisdiction Society/Guild, and Mrs. Florence Kirkpatrick, newly elected President, Louisiana Conference Women's Society of Christian Service. Motion by Mrs. Thomas that cards be sent to absent members was carried.

Miss Evans made the following committee appointments:

Journal Committee: Mrs. Velma Thomas, Mrs. Ola Allen, and Mrs. Ruth Allen.

Resolutions Committee: Miss Elizabeth Langford, Mrs. Vera Williams, and Mrs. Elsie Ellis.

Distributing Tellers: Mrs. Adeline Durham — Chairman, Mrs. Julia Friend, Mrs. Lowice Teddlie, Mrs. Sara Leporatti, Katella Russell, to work with Mrs. Mary Helen Leslie and Mrs. Gloria Jackson of Conference B.

Counting Tellers: Miss Jenibe Westbrook, Mrs. Dollie Brown, Miss Kathryn Bower, Miss Dorothy Dunbar to work with Mrs. Doris Carter and Mrs. Mildred Edinburg of Conference B.

Mrs. Ruth Allen made a motion that the minutes of the last Committee Meeting and the Journal of Guild Weekend be approved as mailed to members. Carried.

The Secretary read notes from Mrs. Max Allen and Miss Arline Tyler thanking the Conference Guild for remembering them in the loss of loved ones.

Miss Lillian Kennedy, Chairman, made the report for the Committee on By-Laws and Standing Rules. The proposed changes were reviewed and her report was accepted by the Committee to be presented to the Annual Meeting.

Miss Kennedy reviewed the highlights of the program for the Annual Meeting to be held September 25-26, 1971, the theme to be "Teach Us to Build."

Miss Langford and Mrs. Bandel reported some of the highlights of the Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Women's Society of Christian Service which had concluded the same day as this meeting.

Reporting for the Committee on Nominations, Miss Arline Tyler listed the following nominations which will appear on the printed ballot for the Annual Meeting:

Conference Chairman -- Mrs. Gloria Bennett (two years)

Secretary -- Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas (one year)

Chairman, Committee on Nominations -- Miss Lillian Kennedy (one year)

Committee on Nominations -- Miss Lillian Kennedy (two years)

Mrs. Daisy Bergeron (two years)
Mrs. Barbara Banks (three years)
Mrs. E. May Calvin (three years)
Mrs. Alvin Sandefur (three years)

Delegates to West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission --
Newly elected Conference Chairman
Newly elected Secretary
Newly elected District Chairman of Natchitoches District

Alternates -- Mrs. Velma Thomas
Miss Lillian Kennedy
The to-be-elected Chairman of the Alexandria District

Miss Langford reported on the Board of Christian Social Relations World Development Seminar which she attended in New York in May.

Miss Evans asked that the lists of officers from local units and each district be sent to her as soon as the elections are held.

Reports of the District Chairmen and the Conference Officers will be found in the packets to be given to each Guilder attending the Annual Meeting, and therefore they were not given at this time. Mrs. Bandel told something of the National Seminar which she had attended and from which will come the guidelines for the Women's Division. She stressed that "development is a process of eliminating whatever it is in your life that keeps you from fulfilling the potential that you have."

Miss Evans read the recommendations which were made by the Guild members who were in attendance at the School of Christian Mission in July. She also read the letter from Mrs. R. E. Carter in response and after she had attended the meeting in Nebraska. Mrs. Kirkpatrick explained some of the recommendations which were made and stated that if only one organization is decided on, both the Guild and the Women's Society of Christian Service will be dissolved and a new organization formed. The recommendation is that "adequate representation" from both the Women's Society and the Guild formulate plans for the new women's organization in time for presentation to the 1972 United Methodist General Conference in Atlanta, with an objective of implementing the plans within two years following General Conference.

Letters from Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, Chairman of Conference B Wesleyan Service Guild, inviting us to worship together Sunday as a merged body were read. Miss Langford moved that the invitation from Mrs. Thomas be extended to the Annual Meeting. Carried.

Miss Evans reported that she had granted some time to Rev. Les Thompson of The Inn and Mr. Bridges of MacDonell Methodist Center to speak on Saturday to the Annual Meeting.

Miss Tyler made a motion that the Guild of the Merged Conference give consideration to sending a representative to the Legislative Training Event to be held in Washington in March, and that the representative be the newly elected Conference Chairman, or an alternate if she cannot attend. Carried.

Miss Evans reported that the South Central Jurisdiction Society/Guild Quadrennial meeting will be held in the Spring, and the new Conference Chairman will be included among the delegates to that meeting.

It was reported that nominations to the Board of Missions include Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Mrs. Inez Chrisentery and Miss Evans, and that Mrs. Gardner had been nominated as an

alternate.

Miss Langford moved that the offering taken at the Annual Meeting be given to Missions in honor of Miss Evans. Carried. Also, a motion was carried that the funds derived from the sale of bookmarks be given to missions in honor of Mrs. Brandhorst.

Miss Evans reported that the majority of comments on evaluations of the Guild Weekend indicated that the Guilders would prefer to continue to have the Weekend in cooperation with the Cooperative Weekend of Christian Mission, and that she had so informed the Dean, Reverend Garland Dean.

Miss Langford and Mrs. Bennett stated that they would extend an invitation to the Conference Guild to have the Annual Meeting in Monroe at First United Methodist Church in September of 1972.

Mrs. Brandhorst stated that comments from the Guilders who attended the Jurisdictional Guild Weekend in June were most favorable and they wanted another. Plans have been made for June 9-12, 1972, with focus on the young woman.

Daisy F. Bergeron, Secretary

PROGRAM
Third Annual Meeting
WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD
SEPTEMBER 24, 1971
"Teach Us To Build"

5:00-
8:00 P.M. Registration.....First United Methodist Church
7:30 P.M. Conference Committee Meeting.....First United Methodist Church

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1971

8:30 A.M. Registration (Continued).....First United Methodist Church
10:00 A.M. First United Methodist Church
Organ Prelude..... **Now Thank We All Our God**
S. Karg-Elert, Mrs. Walter H. Brock, Organist
Convening of Third Annual Meeting..... Miss Mildred Evans, Chairman
Call to Worship
Prayer..... Rev. James Humphreys, Associate Pastor,
First United Methodist Church
Theme Hymn..... **Teach Us To Build**
Presentation of Program Miss Lillian Kennedy, Program Chairman
Introductions
Business
Report of Conference Chairman..... Miss Mildred Evans
Presentations to Retiring Officers
11:45 A.M. Lunch..... First United Methodist Church,
Baton Rouge District Guilds, Hostesses
2:00 P.M. Organ Prelude..... **O Spirit Who Dost Bind Our Hearts in Unity**
Vaughn Williams, Mrs. Walter H. Brock, Organist
MERGER CEREMONY..... **Follow Ceremony Booklet**
By-Laws and Standing Rules..... Report of Committee
Miss Lillian Kennedy, Chairman
Report of Committee on Nominations..... Miss Arline Tyler, Chairman
Election
Guild Hymn..... No. 542

	Business	
	Pledge Service	Mrs. Wiley B. Gardner, Treasurer
4:00 P.M.	Holy Communion and Offering for Missions	
		Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., Pastor, First United Methodist Church
6:30 P.M.	Dinner	First United Methodist Church
	Invocation	Dr. Douglas L. McGuire,
		District Superintendent, Baton Rouge
	Introductions	
	Entertainment	First United Methodist Church Folk Choir
		Mrs. Earl Redding, Director
	Address.....	Mrs. Edward A. Brandhorst, President
		South Central Jurisdiction Society/Guild
	Benediction	Dr. Douglas L. McGuire

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1971

8:00 A.M.	Coffee Fellowship	The Capitol House Hotel
9:00 A.M.	Prayer	
	Theme Hymn	Teach Us To Build
	Business	
	Installation of Officers	Mrs. Edward A. Brandhorst
	Adjournment	

JOURNAL OF THE ANNUAL MEETING LOUISIANA CONFERENCE A WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD September 25-26, 1971

The Third Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference A Wesleyan Service Guild convened in the sanctuary of First United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 10:00 A.M. September 25, 1971, with Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman, presiding. Lovely organ music was provided by Mrs. Walter H. Brock, and Rev. James Humphreys, Associate Pastor of the host church, led in prayer. Following the singing of the theme hymn, "Teach Us To Build", Miss Evans introduced Rev. Les Thompson, Jr., Executive Director of The Inn, and Mr. Jerry Bridges, Executive Director of MacDonell Methodist Center, who spoke to the group of their respective institutions.

Miss Lillian Kennedy, Program Chairman, presented the program for the Annual Meeting in an inspiring manner, pointing up the theme, "Teach Us To Build."

Miss Evans introduced Mrs. Edward A. Brandhorst, President, South Central Jurisdiction Society/Guild; Mrs. Thomas E. Kirkpatrick, just elected Conference President; Mrs. C. B. McGowan, outgoing President; Mrs. W. B. Gardner, outgoing Treasurer; Mrs. Gilbert Bandel who continues as Chairman of the Program Area, Missionary Education, Louisiana Conference Women's Society of Christian Service; and Mrs. Walter Brock, the organist.

The Secretary read the appointments which were made by the Chairman to the Journal Committee, the Resolutions Committee, the Distributing and the Counting Tellers. (See the list in Committee Minutes).

Mrs. Veima Thomas made a motion that the funds from the sale of bookmarks be sent to missions in honor of Mrs. Brandhorst, and the motion carried.

Mrs. Gardner made a short report on the amount paid by the Guild in 1970 and urged the Guilds to meet their obligations in 1971. She again stressed Special Memberships, Gifts to Mission, and Thanks Offering banks, and urged the Guilds to use these supplemental ways to increase their giving. She also urged participation in the Call to Prayer program.

Miss Evans relayed the invitation from Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas to worship at Camphor United Methodist Church on Sunday, and urged as many as possible to attend.

Miss Evans made her report as Conference Chairman.

To: Members Women's Society of Christian Service and
Wesleyan Service Guild, Louisiana Conference A

In order to build up it is often necessary to tear down. Today everyone seems to be tearing down. Some institutions and customs are being reshaped. Others are being discarded. We are living in a time of confusion and disruption.

In this meeting we are tearing down in order to build up. We are reshaping an organization and its customs. I do not believe we are confused and disrupted.

Many times through the years of its life our Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild has torn down in order to build up, has reshaped its organization and its customs. So today as we tear down to build up and reshape we can accept St. Paul's advice to the Ephesians: "You must be made new in mind and spirit, and put on the new nature of God's creating, which shows itself in the just and devout life called for by the truth". (Ephesians 4:23-24).

In 1968 the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild became the Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild. Structural changes were made in the organization and the women of the Evangelical United Brethren Church and The Methodist Church were united in one organization in The United Methodist Church. Under the new structure the most important change was that the Guild would elect only the principal officers and have the freedom to work on any program or task for which it saw the need. For this there was to be organized task groups working and reporting until the task was successfully completed.

There was no longer a South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service and a South Central Jurisdiction Wesleyan Service Guild. These two organizations were united in one organization now known as the South Central Jurisdiction Society/Guild.

Both the Women's Society and Guild have the same basic purpose.

This 1968 tearing down was in order to build up, to reshape some customs and discard others, to bring two closely related women's organizations of The Methodist Church closer together and more unified in The United Methodist Church.

Admittedly in the beginning we were confused and felt disrupted, particularly the Wesleyan Service Guild, but through the years we have worked together, we have learned and we have strived to build up.

We are still tearing down in order to build up in the Guild. We are going through the pangs, at the present time, of a shortened Annual Guild Weekend in order to share the weekend with the Cooperative Weekend of Christian Mission. We have not quite succeeded but I am confident that this fairly young and new venture in Louisiana Conference A will be successful in the merged Conference Guild.

Today we have a total of 97 Guild units. During the year four new Guild units were organized: two in the Hammond District, one in the Baton Rouge District and one in the Monroe District. The latter was a night circle of the Women's Society. Two Guild units were disbanded: one in the Hammond District and one in the Monroe District. We hope to be able to have the Guild in the new Natchitoches District organized shortly.

Despite the fact that we failed to meet our pledge to missions for 1970, as a whole, the District Chairmen are to be commended for the effort made to try to meet their pledge. It was very pleasing, too, to know that in four districts the Guild pledge was overpaid by fairly substantial amounts. A new chairman was elected and took office in January 1971 in the Lake Charles District. She is Mrs. Velma Thomas, a tireless worker, and one who will continue the good work of the retired District Chairman, Mrs. Rosa McCullough.

We were well represented at the West Gulf School of Christian Mission. Two of our young women, Mrs. Sara Fugler from the Hammond District and Mrs. Virginia Ward from the Monroe District worked in the Multi Media Center at the school. As a result of their cooperation and work they were able to obtain free of charge the equipment so that they could share their work and knowledge with the women attending the Conference School of Christian Mission.

The Conference Guild, again this year, cooperated with the Cooperative Weekend of Christian Mission. Mrs. Daisy Bergeron and Mrs. Virginia Ward were in charge of the registration and housing. Mrs. Helen Owen was the nurse at both the Conference School of Christian Mission and the Cooperative Weekend of Christian Mission.

Our Guild Weekend, July 23-24 at Centenary College was successful insofar as the program was concerned. Our guest speaker and resource person, Miss Barbara Campbell, Executive Secretary of Leadership Education, Women's Division, was most helpful and gracious. Our representatives to the West Gulf School of Christian Mission, Mrs. Sara Fugler, Mrs. Virginia Ward and Mrs. Daisy Bergeron contributed in many ways to the success of the program. Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, Conference B Guild Chairman and her members made a valuable contribution to the program as well as the success of the weekend. In the officer responsibility group for the Guild at the Conference School of Christian Mission the thinking and feeling of those present concerning the Guild was discussed. The consensus was:

The time has come when it might be best for The United Methodist Church, as a whole, for the Women's Division to think in terms of one organization for the women particularly since there are so many working women in the Women's Society of Christian Service. It was also the feeling that if the Wesleyan Service Guild is only going to be an appendage to the Women's Society rather than included as a real, warm, vital part of the Women's Society, its members would prefer one Women's organization.

There are also some minor changes suggested in the "Purpose".

We also felt that in the Society and Guild there should be more emphasis on the local woman, that we should be involved and working for the exercise of Christian citizenship, become more involved in government and politics, support education and the processes of education for everyone, work for lasting world peace and for daily work for all able persons.

It was recommended that we have more and better communication in every way between the Women's Division, the Conference, the District and the Local. It was recommended that the Evaluation Reports be changed so that the questions will be more practical and realistic.

So it appears from this that we again need tearing down to build up, reshaping of the organization and customs.

At this Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference A, both the Women's Society and the Guild will tear down to build up, will reshape its organization and customs. Conference A and Conference B Women's Society and Guild will merge and be known as the Louisiana Conference Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild. New officers will be elected, by-laws and standing rules will be amended and the pledge to missions for

1972 will be made. If our organization is to be successful in building up and reshaping we must, today, heed the advice of St. Paul: "You must be made new in mind and spirit, and put on the new nature of God's creating, which shows itself in the just and devout life called for by the truth".

It is with a touch of both regret and joy that I leave with you today my final report as Chairman of the Louisiana Conference A Wesleyan Service Guild. I would be remiss to leave without telling all of you what a joy and a privilege it has been for me to have had the great honor of serving in this office in such a wonderful organization with such helpful and cooperative people. I have come to know and to love many of you, particularly the officers and committee. My heart is overflowing with gratitude to and love for those who have been a part of the Guild Committee, especially for Mrs. McGowan our president. She was always there when advice and reassurance was needed. My prayer and hope is that the new officers in the Women's Society and Guild, especially the new president and the new Guild Chairman, will have the same warm, loving, cooperative relationship we have had.

All of you have my sincere thanks and appreciation.

Mrs. Minza Rabun, a former Conference Chairman, presented certificates and pins to the outgoing officers on behalf of the Conference Guild. Included in the group were Miss Evans, Miss Arline Tyler as Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, Mrs. C. B. McGowan as Conference President, Mrs. Gardner as Conference Treasurer, and Mrs. Daisy Bergeron as Secretary. In Honor Certificates were presented to Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, Chairman Program Area Missionary Education, Mrs. R. E. Carter, Chairman Program Area Christian Social Relations, and Mrs. George Chastain, Chairman Program Area Spiritual Growth.

Miss Elizabeth Langford made a short report on the World Development Seminar which she was privileged to attend.

Following lunch, Conference B Guild met with Conference A to carry out the merger of the two into the Louisiana Conference Guild. This service began at 2:00 o'clock with an organ prelude by Mrs. Brock. The Merger Ceremony was entitled "Touched By Thy Love" and involved the officers and members of both groups which merged into one.

MERGER CEREMONY

PROCESSIONAL:

Jesus, United By Thy Grace, hymn 193

(The congregation will stand during the processional.)

Prayer — Rev. David Dykes, Associate Pastor, First United Methodist Church

CONGREGATION:

1st and 5th stanzas, hymn 134

FIRST READER:

"But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him." (I Cor. 6:17)

GUILD CHAIRMEN: (in unison)

Touched by thy love we are called to serve and to give. We pray for wisdom in resolving problems. We pray for courage to continue when the path is rough. Help us to grow in knowledge and experience. "And ever toward each aid afford" as we begin anew.

CONGREGATION:

We pledge ourselves to "unite in Christian fellowship to make Christ known throughout the world" and to work with the faith that our Heavenly Father will give us strength for

the task.

(1st stanza, hymn 153)

SECOND READER:

"Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path". (Psalms 119:105)

PRESIDENTS: (in unison)

Touched by thy love we pledge ourselves "to help women grow in the knowledge and experience of God as revealed in Jesus Christ" through the Wesleyan Service Guild and the Women's Society.

CONGREGATION:

Touched by thy love we commit ourselves through thy grace to grow in all things so that we may be workmen more effectively responding to the tasks before us.

(2nd stanza, hymn 153)

THIRD READER:

"For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ." (II Cor. 4:6)

SECRETARIES: (in unison)

Touched by thy love we commit ourselves to help women "to increase their knowledge of the concerns and responsibilities of the church in the world" so that they will be "United by Thy Grace".

CONGREGATION:

Touched by thy love give us vision, O God, and consecrate us to this task.

(3rd stanza, hymn 153)

FOURTH READER:

"Oh send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead me, let them bring me to thy holy hill and to thy dwelling!" (Psalms 43:3)

TREASURERS: (in unison)

Touched by thy love we commit ourselves to help women, "to share in Christian witness, service, and missionary outreach".

CONGREGATION:

Touched by thy love we "shall provide opportunities and resources to meet the needs and interests of women".

(4th stanza, hymn 153)

CONGREGATION AND OFFICERS:

"O send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead us".

RECESSIONAL:

How Firm a Foundation, hymn 48

(The congregation will stand during the recessional)

Following merger, Miss Lillian Kennedy presented the proposed By-Laws and Standing Rules, noting changes to be made in the printed copies. Following discussions of each and approval of the proposed changes, the entire By-Laws and Standing Rules were adopted upon motion by Mrs. Ruth Allen.

The report of the Committee on Nominations, comprised of members from both former

Conferences A and B, was made by Miss Arline Tyler. There were no nominations from the floor and the following officers were unanimously elected:

Conference Chairman — Mrs. Louis Bennett for two years

Secretary — Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas for one year

Chairman, Committee on Nominations — Miss Lillian Kennedy for one year

Members of the Committee on Nominations —

Miss Lillian Kennedy for two years

Mrs. Daisy Bergeron for two years

Mrs. Barbara Banks for three years

Mrs. E. May Calvin for three years

Mrs. Alvin Sandefur for three years

Delegates to West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission — Mrs. Gloria Bennett, Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, District Chairman of Natchitoches District, and Mrs. Mary Davis Frank

Alternates to West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission — Mrs. Velma Thomas, Miss Lillian Kennedy, and the new Alexandria District Chairman.

Mrs. McGowan reported to the Annual Meeting that Miss Evans had been elected by the Annual Meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service as a nominee for membership on the Board of Missions.

The recommendation from the Committee that the Conference consider sending the Chairman to the Legislative Training Event to be held in Washington in March, or an alternate if she cannot go, was read by the Secretary. Upon motion by Mrs. Ruth Allen, this was voted and carried.

The Secretary read the recommendation from the Committee and made motion that the Communion offering be sent for missions in honor of Miss Mildred Evans and Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas. Carried.

A very impressive pledge service was led by Mrs. W. B. Gardner and Dr. Winifred Burke, Treasurers of Conferences A and B, assisted by the District Chairmen. Mrs. Gardner moved that the total pledge of \$24,173.00 be approved, and the motion carried. The pledges by Districts are --

Alexandria District	\$ 1,500.00
Baton Rouge District	1,850.00
Hammond District	1,600.00
Lafayette District	2,160.00
Lake Charles District	3,638.00
Monroe District	3,700.00
Natchitoches District	1,100.00
New Orleans District	3,250.00
Ruston District	2,400.00
Shreveport District	2,975.00
Total	\$24,173.00

Upon motion by Mrs. Gardner the following budget was adopted:

Office Expense	\$ 200.00
Annual Meeting	650.00
Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting	400.00
Guild Weekend	300.00
Regional School of Christian Mission	250.00
Jurisdiction Cultivation	125.00
Committees	100.00
Promotion	75.00
Miscellaneous	75.00

Jurisdiction Society/Guild Meeting.....	200.00
Leadership Enrichment Team.....	250.00
Total.....	\$ 2,625.00
Pledges	\$24,173.00
Budget.....	2,625.00
Total Pledge to Missions.....	\$21,548.00

The pledge was accepted by Miss Evans and presented to the Conference President, Mrs. Thomas Kirkpatrick. The service was closed with prayer led by Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas.

At 4:00 o'clock Holy Communion service was led by Rev. Humphries, Rev. Dykes, and Rev. Ramke of the host church. The offering to missions was made in connection with this service.

At 6:30 p.m. dinner was served in the dining room of First United Methodist Church, with Miss Evans presiding. Invocation was given by Dr. Douglas L. McGuire, District Superintendent of Baton Rouge District. Miss Evans introduced the persons at the head table who were Mrs. Edward Brandhorst, President, South Central Jurisdiction Society/Guild; Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Immediate Past President, Louisiana Conference A; Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick, Conference President; Mrs. Mary Helen Leslie, Member of Division Guild Committee; Miss Lillian Kennedy, District Chairman, Baton Rouge District; Rev. and Mrs. McGuire; Mrs. Wiley B. Gardner, Immediate Past Treasurer; Mrs. Gloria Bennett, Conference Chairman; Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, Immediate Past Conference B Chairman and now Secretary; Mrs. Daisy Bergeron, Immediate Past Secretary; and Mrs. Ardessie Prophet, Conference Vice-President. Baton Rouge District pastors present were introduced by their local Presidents. Entertainment was furnished by the Folk Choir of the host church, under leadership of Mrs. Earl Redding.

Miss Evans introduced Mrs. Brandhorst who delivered the address of the evening, and Dr. McGuire gave the benediction.

Sunday Morning

This session was held in the Industrial Room of the Capitol House Hotel. Mrs. Bea Sandefur led the opening prayer at 9:00 o'clock, and this was followed by the singing of the theme hymn. At the request of Miss Evans, who presided, Mrs. Brandhorst explained what the Jurisdiction/Guild is.

Miss Elizabeth Langford and Mrs. Gloria Bennett extended an invitation for the next Annual Meeting to be held in Monroe at First United Methodist Church. They were assisted by Mrs. Sarah Leporatti who is president of one of the Guild units.

Miss Evans announced the names of the officers of the merged Women's Society of Christian Service — namely, Mrs. Kirkpatrick, President; Mrs. Ardessie Prophet, Vice-President; Mrs. Naomi Pulley, Secretary; Mrs. Spencer, Treasurer; Mrs. Azelea Stevenson, Chairman of Program Area Christian Social Relations; Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, who continues as Chairman of Program Area of Missionary Education; and Mrs. George Chastain, Chairman of the Program Area of Spiritual Growth.

Miss Evans reminded the group of dates to be remembered for events during the coming year. Of particular interest to the entire group are the Jurisdictional Guild Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah, June 9-12, 1972 Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission, July 18-21, 1972 Guild Weekend and Cooperative Weekend of Christian Mission, July 21-23, 1972; Annual Meeting of W.S.C.S. September 20-22, 1972; and Annual Guild Meeting, September 22-24, 1972.

Delegates to the Quadrennial meeting of the South Central Jurisdiction are to be Mrs.

Bennett, Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Prophet, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Bandel, and Mrs. Chastain, with alternates to be Mrs. Pulley and Mrs. Stevenson.

Mrs. Gardner reported that the offering for missions amounted to \$165.50 and the sale of bookmarks brought \$110.00.

Miss Kennedy introduced the chairmen and others on committees who helped plan and carry out the Annual Meeting. Appreciation was expressed for the help they gave. Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas introduced the members who had worked to carry on the Conference B Annual Meeting.

Mrs. Zola McGee reported that there were 132 members from Conference A present with 165 persons present for the dinner Saturday evening. There were 67 present for the Annual Meeting from Conference B, making a total of 199.

Miss Langford read the report of the Resolutions Committee. It was voted to send a copy to each person named therein. A copy is in the files. A rising vote of thanks was given to Baton Rouge District.

Mrs. Brandhorst installed the officers elected on the previous day in a very meaningful service.

Mrs. Brandhorst expressed appreciation to all for the hospitality shown her, and Mrs. Bennett talked briefly with the members expressing her appreciation for confidence shown in her and asking the help of all in the future.

The meeting was adjourned.

Daisy F. Bergeron, Secretary

BY-LAWS OF LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

ARTICLE I – NAME

Within the Louisiana Conference Women's Society of Christian Service there shall be for employed women a Conference Wesleyan Service Guild composed of all members of its local units.

ARTICLE II – FUNCTION

The function of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild shall be to plan and direct the work of the Guild within the conference in accordance with the constitution and by-laws of the Women's Division with special emphasis on the mission of the church as related to the needs, interests, and concerns of employed women in church, community, and world affairs.

ARTICLE III – ANNUAL MEETING MEMBERSHIP

The members of the Conference Guild Committee, all former Conference Secretaries and/or Chairmen, the Secretary and Chairman of the Committee on Nominations in each district, the elected delegates from local Guild units and members of the Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Women's Division residing within the Conference shall be members of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild. This membership shall constitute the voting body at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE IV -- ELECTED LEADERSHIP

SECTION 1. There shall be a Chairman of the Wesleyan Service Guild who shall be the presiding officer of the Conference Guild. There shall be a Secretary and a Chairman of the Committee on Nominations.

SECTION 2. These officers shall be elected from the membership of the Wesleyan Service Guilds within the conference.

SECTION 3. (a) The Chairman of the Wesleyan Service Guild shall preside at the meetings of the Conference Guild and serve as chairman of the Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the conference. She shall promote the work of the Guild within the conference; receive reports from district chairmen of the Guild; report annually to the Women's Society of Christian Service of the conference. In accordance with the pattern of the Women's Division she shall report to the executive secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Division. She shall attend, as far as possible, district meetings of the Guild. She shall be responsible for planning of meetings of the Conference Guild. She shall represent the Guild and present its interests at the meetings of the Conference Society, of which she shall be an official member. She shall be a member of the Executive Committee, the Committees on Finance, School of Christian Mission and the Constitution and By-Laws of the Conference Society. She shall present a budget to the Committee on Finance of the Conference Society. She shall represent the Conference Guild at the Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission and the Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission. She shall be an ex-officio member of all committees of the Conference Guild except the Committee on Nominations. She shall be a delegate to meetings of the Jurisdiction Society/Guild.

(b) The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Conference Guild meetings and perform such other duties as may be authorized by the Conference Guild. She shall assist the Historian for the Conference Women's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild in securing information, particularly related to the Wesleyan Service Guild, for the historical records of the Conference Guild and Society.

(c) The Chairman of the Committee on Nominations shall perform the regular duties of such office.

ARTICLE V -- COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

SECTION 1. (a) There shall be a Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the conference composed of the following: the Chairman of the Conference Guild, the Secretary, the Chairman of the Committee on Nominations; the Chairmen of the Guild in the Districts; the President, the Treasurer and the Chairmen of the Program Areas for Christian Social Relations, Missionary Education and Spiritual Growth of the Conference Society/Guild; members of the Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Women's Division and the Core Planning Group of the Jurisdiction Society/Guild residing within the conference; and such co-opted members as the work demands.

(b) The Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Conference shall plan the work of the Guild within the conference, including Guild weekends and other programs and meetings in order to meet the needs and purposes of the Conference Guild. Task Groups may be organized as needed.

SECTION 2. (a) There shall be a Committee on Nominations composed of five members whose duty shall be to present nominations of all officers, of members of the Committee on Nominations and of representatives to the Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission.

(b) The Committee shall seek to find qualified women as nominees.

SECTION 3. There shall be an Administrative Committee composed of the Conference Chairman who shall be the chairman, the Secretary, and three other members of the Conference Guild Committee who shall be appointed biennially by the Conference Chairman. The Administrative Committee shall transact only necessary business in the interim between meetings of the Conference Guild Committee. It shall not change declared policy, the budget, or incur indebtedness.

SECTION 4. (a) There shall be a Committee on Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules composed of the Conference Chairman, the Secretary, and three other members of the Conference Guild Committee who shall be appointed biennially by the Conference Chairman.

(b) It shall be the duty of the Committee on Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules to study all legislation concerning the program and structure of the Wesleyan Service Guild and, in keeping with new proposals and needs, to recommend appropriate revisions or additions to the current By-Laws and standing rules. The committee shall be alert to the need for clarification in wording and for the elimination of overlapping, conflicting, or unnecessary items. It shall have authority to make editorial changes and to incorporate in the by-laws of the conference any changes made by the Women's Division. The committee shall be prepared, upon request, to interpret the meaning and application of the by-laws and standing rules. It shall prepare for printing in the Annual Report revisions in by-laws and standing rules adopted by the Conference Guild.

SECTION 5. (a) There shall be within the Conference Guild Committee a Budget Committee composed of the Conference Chairman, who shall be the Committee Chairman, the Conference President, the Conference Treasurer, two other members of the Guild Committee who shall be appointed biennially by the Conference Chairman.

(b) It shall be the duty of the Committee to prepare, annually, the budget of the Conference Guild to be presented by the Conference Chairman to the Committee on Finance of the Conference Society.

ARTICLE VI – ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. (a) The Conference Guild, in annual meeting, shall elect the officers of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, and the committee on Nominations.

(b) A term of office shall be two years, with the privilege of reelection for a second term. No officer shall hold the same office for more than four consecutive years.

(c) The Committee on Nominations, composed of five members shall be elected by the Conference Guild, and effective September 1971, shall have a rotation of membership as follows: three members for three years, two members for two years. The chairman shall be elected for a term of one year by the Conference Guild.

(d) A Chairman of the Committee on Nominations shall be elected annually from the members of the Committee on Nominations by the Conference Guild in annual meeting. She shall be a member of the Conference Guild Committee irrespective of the tenure rule. (See Section 8 that follows).

(e) In order to establish rotation in elected leadership the term of office for the Secretary shall be for one year effective for the September 1971 election only.

SECTION 2. In annual meeting the Conference Guild shall elect three representatives and two alternates to the Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission.

SECTION 3. Elections shall be by ballot, a majority vote constituting an election. Where

there is only one candidate for an office, the election may be by voice.

SECTION 4. Officers shall assume their duties immediately upon election or appointment. The out-going officers shall make the necessary reports.

SECTION 5. The election of the Conference Chairman of the Guild shall be confirmed by the Conference Women's Society.

SECTION 6. One or more years of an unexpired term of a Conference officer shall be considered a full term.

SECTION 7. Vacancies occurring ad interim shall be filled for the remainder of the term involved by the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Committee.

SECTION 8. Tenure on the Committee of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild for elected leadership shall be limited to a total of eight years unless a woman is elected to serve as Chairman of the Conference Guild.

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

SECTION 1. There shall be an annual meeting of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild where reports shall be received and necessary business transacted. All regular elections shall be held at this meeting.

SECTION 2. There shall be an annual Guild weekend meeting, dates to be determined by the conference committee. Any necessary business may be transacted at this annual weekend.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. Amendments to these by-laws may be made at meetings of the conference provided the proposed amendments shall be sent to the Committee of the Conference Guild thirty days before the meeting, and the Committee has had an opportunity to approve the proposed amendments before they are submitted to the membership.

SECTION 2. Additional by-laws may be made and amended by the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild provided they are in harmony with the Women's Division Constitution and By-Laws for the Conference Guild.

AS AMENDED SEPTEMBER 25, 1971.

STANDING RULES

RULE 1. At the Annual Meeting and the Guild Weekend there shall be one voting delegate for each ten (10) members or major fraction thereof in each local unit. Each unit shall have at least one (1) voting delegate.

RULE 2. (a) There shall be at least two meetings of the Conference Guild Committee each year. One of these shall be in connection with the annual meeting. The other shall be a mid-year meeting, the date to be designated by the Administrative Committee.

(b) There shall be a program of training in Guild work within each district to be directed by the district Guild Committee.

RULE 3. A Committee on Journal shall be appointed at each meeting to review the minutes of the Secretary before they are mailed out to the members of the Conference

Guild Committee. Such mailing shall be made as soon as possible after each meeting.

RULE 4. The elected representatives and alternates to the Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission shall be Guild members of the Conference Guild Committee if possible. In the event there are not available members from the Conference Guild Committee, Guild members of the Conference Guild may be elected on recommendation of the nominating committee. They shall have responsibility for reporting to the Conference Guild Weekend.

RULE 5. (a) Expenses of the Annual Meeting shall be paid from the Conference Cultivation Fund. This includes expenses of the members of the Conference Guild Committee for mileage, room and meals.

(b) Expenses of the members of the Conference Guild Committee to the mid-year meeting of the Conference Guild Committee shall be paid from the Conference Cultivation Fund.

(c) Expenses of the following Conference Guild Committee members to Conference Guild Weekend shall be paid from the Conference Cultivation Fund: the Conference Chairman, the Secretary, co-opted Guild members to the committee, and Women's Society members of the committee.

(d) Expenses of the District Chairmen to Conference Guild Weekend shall be paid from District Cultivation Funds.

(e) Expenses of the Conference Chairman and the elected representatives to the Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission shall be paid from the Conference Cultivation Fund. Travel shall be in one car and seven cents per mile shall be paid from the Conference Cultivation Fund. If they elect to travel in separate cars, they shall prorate the allowed expense of seven cents per mile.

(f) Transportation by car for members of the Conference Guild Committee on official business within the Conference shall be allowed at seven cents per mile. Car pools are recommended and care should be exercised to accommodate four persons in a car whenever possible. When elected conference and district officers of the Wesleyan Service Guild and the Women's Society of Christian Service and other riders travel together in a car, each person shall share in the expense of the car, the conference officer charging her prorata share to the conference, and the district officer charging hers to the district, and other riders assuming their share in the expenses of the car.

(g) If any designated person elects to travel by means other than above, she shall do so at her own expense.

(h) All expense accounts shall be approved by the Conference Chairman.

(i) All funds over and above expenses at any conference meeting, with the exception of special offerings, shall be directed to the Conference Cultivation Fund.

(j) The Conference Treasurer shall disburse all funds.

RULE 6. The district cultivation fund shall be on the basis of 35¢ per member.

RULE 7. When death occurs among members of the Conference Guild Committee, members of their immediate families, or relatives living within their homes, an "In Remembrance Gift" of \$5.00 shall be sent as a memorial. It shall be the responsibility of the Conference Chairman to direct the Conference Treasurer to process such memorial.

RULE 8. The retiring Conference Chairman of the Wesleyan Service Guild shall be a

member of the Conference Guild Committee for one year following her term of office.

RULE 9. A member of the Conference Guild Committee shall be a member of the District Guild Committee of the district wherein she resides.

RULE 10. (a) The Registration Chairman for the Annual Meeting or other meetings of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild shall, not later than 30 days after the close of the meeting, render to the Conference Treasurer an itemized and written statement of all receipts and disbursements, showing any surplus or deficit.

(b) Surplus funds from the Annual Meeting and all other meetings of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild shall be paid to the Conference Treasurer, when the itemized and written statement is submitted, and shall be added to the Conference Cultivation Fund. In the event of a deficit, unpaid bills shall be submitted to the Conference Chairman for approval and paid by the Conference Treasurer from the Conference Cultivation Fund.

(c) It shall be the responsibility of the District Chairman of the District responsible for registration to see that this rule is followed.

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First Quarter.....March 1, 1972
Second Quarter.....June 1, 1972
Third QuarterSeptember 1, 1972
Fourth Quarter.....December 1, 1972

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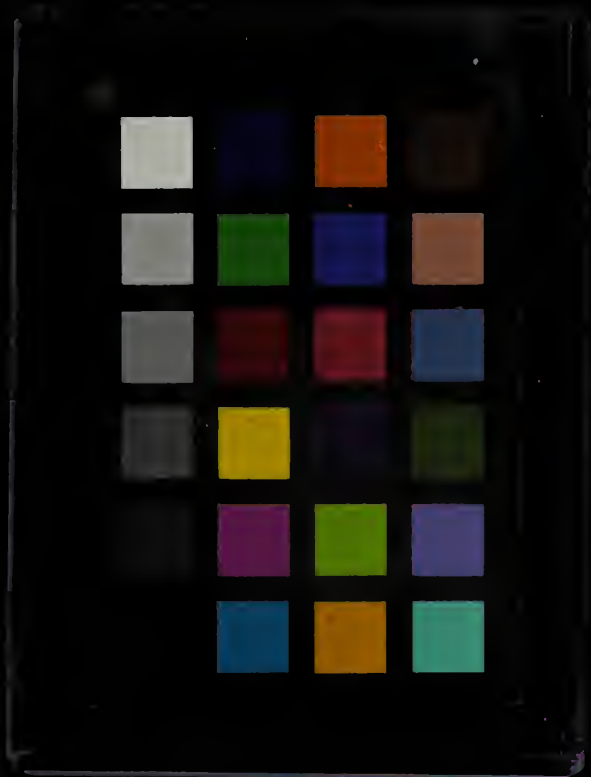
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First Quarter.....March 20, 1972
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First Quarter.....March 28, 1972
Second Quarter.....June 28, 1972
Third QuarterSeptember 28, 1972
Fourth Quarter.....December 31, 1972



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